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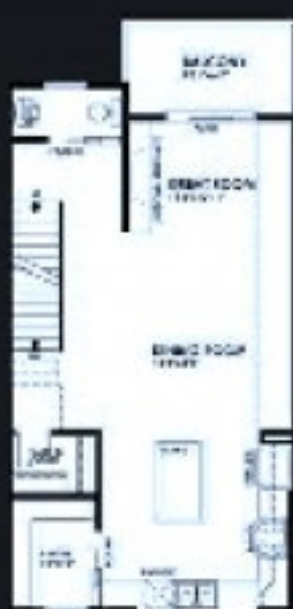
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Calgarian plans black tie gala to celebrate Africa

CULTURE

Organizer says diversity of continent not understood



Aaron Chatha
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Africa is more than the pages of National Geographic.

Calgarian Bongie Munjanja, originally from Zimbabwe, wants people to explore the cultural richness of her continent through a June gala she has dubbed The Beauty of Africa.

While other continents such as Europe are as seen as a melting pot of different cultures — from the luxuries of France to the architecture of Italy — African countries tend to be lumped together.

"We're generally portrayed in a negative light," said Munjanja. "Like, OK, help the poor Africans. Some people believe Africa is one country — it's a continent."

"Sometimes people will ask be about wars in Somal-

ia. Well, I've never been there. My guess is as good as yours."

Through the gala, Munjanja plans to have representatives from many African countries showing off facets of their own unique culture.

The black tie event will include a social-networking room, which will hold a silent auction for African-inspired art, information booths and handmade African jewellery.

There will be a number of performances that culminate in the Beauty of Africa beauty pageant. The winner will receive a full-year modeling contract with Numa Modeling.

"We generally aren't as represented as other ethnicities in the beauty industry," Munjanja said. "I've had a couple of these girls come up and thank me for giving them the opportunity to have a platform."

She said the girls might not meet typical western beauty ideals, but they have much to offer.

"They can show they are beautiful, despite their size, colour, whatever," Munjanja said. "At the same time, these girls go to school, they work — they have a lot going on for



Bongie Munjanja aims to celebrate Africa's many cultures through a gala and fashion show, to dispel negative myths surrounding the country. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

them, and they have a cultural richness."

During the swimsuit competition, ladies will use the colours of their native flags to create the costume.

As well, they'll be expected to show off their culture during the talent portion.

They're not just selling the judges themselves — they're showing off their heritage to

win the competition.

The Beauty of Africa gala takes place on June 4 at Festival Hall.

For more information, visit itbeautyofafrica.ca.

Vader faces four new charges

Travis Vader is facing four new charges after he was arrested in West Edmonton Tuesday evening around 8 p.m.

Edmonton police have charged Vader, who is on trial for murder, with break-and-enter and commit theft, possession of stolen property under \$5,000, breach of a probation order and breach of a recognizance.

The RCMP, who previously confirmed Vader's arrest, had called in EPS for help.

An employee at Sentag Trailer Manufacturing in the city's west end confirmed Thursday that he had been told that Vader made an attempt to steal copper wire from the property when no one was on site.

A judge reviewed Vader's bail conditions in April after he showed up late to court four times, citing car troubles and difficulty waking up on time.

Vader, 44, is currently on trial for first-degree murder in the 2010 deaths of St. Albert residents Lyle and Marie McCann, who were great-grandparents in their late 70s.

The two went missing after leaving on a camping trip and were last seen fuelling up their motorhome before heading off to British Columbia.

The motorhome was found burning in bushes west of Edmonton two days later, and the SUV they were towing was later found hidden in trees on a nearby rural property. Their bodies have not been found. METRO

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Police keeping check-up information for eternity

CIVIL LIBERTIES

Privacy office says retention policy raises more questions



Lucie Edwardson
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If you've ever been asked to fill out a check-up slip by Calgary police, it's probable that they are still holding on to your information — regardless of whether you ever committed a crime or were considered a suspect.

Information obtained by the Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association (RMCLA) about police check-ups — which, according to the Calgary Police Service (CPS), are used to “lawfully collect evidence” — indicates that the information is currently “kept permanently.”

The Office of Information and the Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) said the permanent nature of the record retention has drawn its interest.

“We’ve been following this issue for more than a year, and it raises many questions,” said OIPC spokesman Scott Sibbald.

Determining if the information is being used for legitimate law-enforcement purposes is one of the questions, said Sibbald. He said that’s hard to determine unless looking at it on a case-by-case basis.



Check-up slips, not to be confused with carding, involve the Calgary Police Service potentially holding on to one's personal information for extended periods of time — and the province's privacy commissioner has issues with that. METRO FILE

“Obviously with the number of cases it would be nearly impossible to do that,” he said.

Beyond that, Sibbald said there are also questions about how the information is used.

“Who has access to the information? Are there different technologies used to gather or manipulate the information? Is the information being matched up with other information be-

ing collected with body-worn cameras, for example? What analytic tools are being used to recognize patterns and behaviours?” he said. “There is a number of questions from our office’s perspective and information and privacy commissioners across Canada.”

CPS spokesman Kevin Brookwell said CPS is currently undertaking a review to determine

when and how long to retain information. He said it isn’t clear when the review will be completed.

“The retention of the data is an issue, and we recognize that,” he said. “That’s why provincial governments right across the country are reviewing that right now.”

Sibbald said OIPC recognizes that police agencies do have a

broad authority to collect, use and disclose personal information for law-enforcement purposes but said they would be very interested in participating in the review process. They have not been consulted as a part of this review to date.

He said anyone who has complaints or privacy concerns about this practice should contact OIPC.

GROW CALGARY

Farmers get last second permit



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

It’s probably the best gift the urban farm could have wished for, just in time for its third birthday.

An earth ship and greenhouse combination structure, located on Grow Calgary land near Canada Olympic Park, was built without permits in 2014 and quickly landed the farmers in hot water with city officials. Without the proper oversight for safety and building codes, the city ordered fences to be put up around the structure and ultimately wanted it demolished.

On Thursday, the permits were granted.

“It’s a nice little third-birthday present for us,” said Paul Hughes of Grow Calgary. “We met our criteria according to the public hearing; we did it! One day before the deadline.”

Hughes said the city didn’t have a blueprint for what they’d built in their development-permit toolbox and was extremely excited the city’s allowed its first earth ship build to stay standing.

“We get to keep it according to the safety council,” said Hughes. “It’s in the city’s hands now.”

On Sunday, Grow Calgary will celebrate its third year in the biz with bands, fun and some hard work — they have a lot of potatoes to plant. The event will take place from 1:33 to 3:33 p.m., and “everyone is welcome.”



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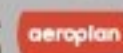
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Calgary's walking needle exchange

DRUG ABUSE

Volunteer talks about need for supervised injection sites



Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Even as Randy Pages stops to pose for a photo, he's approached by a group of homeless people who recognize him.

A quick, friendly chat ensues, and then he shows them the harm reduction packet he's holding for the photo. The packet has clean needles, condoms, and other sanitary items. One person accepts and pockets the pack.

Pages is a member of Grateful or Dead — that's the name of the Calgary chapter of Alberta Addicts who Educate and Advocate Responsibility (AAWEAR).

A recovering alcoholic and someone who was formerly

homeless, Pages is one of about eight people with AAWEAR who offer peer support on the streets of Calgary.

They get their funding through a provincial HIV program, and their philosophy is one of harm reduction — it's better that an addict live another day in hopes of getting clean, than die of something preventable.

In essence, he and others in the group are walking needle exchange programs.

They carry safe kits to collect old needles, as well as things like rubber gloves and hand sanitizer.

"I always tell them, if I'm carrying a bag, there's a 95 per cent chance I'll have the kits, so just come say hi," said Pages.

They know the demand is there, so Pages and others are in the early stages of pitching a supervised injection site — or as they like to call it — a supervised

consumption site.

"In our area, we have a lot more addicts that would rather smoke it than inject it," he said.

Coun. Drueh Farrell said she'd need to know more about what the group is proposing, but she's

not opposed to the idea. "Harm reductions save lives — it's certainly worth discussing. It fits in the work that we're doing with the drug court and the DOAP team. It is something that we need to discuss."



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Randy Pages, a member of Grateful or Dead

The demand is there, according to Arsh Kaur Dhaliwal, a medical school graduate who is volunteering with the group.

She'd said the main thing holding the city back is the stigma of addiction. She said handing out needles is just a small part of what AAWEAR is doing and peer support is much more important.



Randy Pages and Arsh Kaur Dhaliwal hold one of their harm reduction packets, which Pages hand out around Calgary. **BRODIE THOMAS / METRO**



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A University of Calgary prototype of a 450-square-foot residence designed to fit in a standard backyard. COURTESY U OF C

Seniors' homes back to basics

COMMUNITY

Councillor to pitch pilot project for infill housing



Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Imagine a home, lifted into a backyard by a crane. Not a tiny home — no wheels — but a custom-produced home, tailored to the needs of the senior who would be living there.

It's what Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra is asking council to imagine this Monday as he pitches a pilot project for the University of Calgary.

Carra said he got an invite from Professor John Brown to see the prototype home last fall. "I was ... blown away. I said,



We've got to figure out how to take this from idea to actuality.

Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra

"We've got to figure out how to take this from idea to actuality."

Brown, associate dean of research in the faculty of environmental design, said he's been working on the idea for about three years.

"We're now at a stage to build a working prototype and test it and actually get real ... data about this," said Brown. "That's when we needed to get the city involved."

The prototype home is about 450 square feet, with one bedroom and a kitchen, and fits in the backyard of a standard Calgary building lot.

Designed to help seniors age in their communities, rather than moving to institutions, they have a bevy of medical devices built in, such as oxygen outlets.

He said other devices, such as dialysis machines, could be added in a standardized way as needed. That standardization would make things easier for home-care nurses.

Carra is asking council to support a pilot project that would see a number of these prototype homes placed in communities so the U of C could get real data from them. He said he wants to find a community that is enthusiastic about the project. If supported, the trial could begin in 2017.

POLL

Economy is Albertans' top concern



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Albertans are "extremely concerned" about the financial state of the province, according to Insight West's Alberta Government Report Card.

According to the report, two-thirds of Albertans (65 per cent) said the economy and jobs is the most important issue facing the province, fol-

lowed health care (seven per cent) and energy and pipelines (also seven per cent).

On the other hand, two in five Albertans said the provincial government had done a good job when dealing with education (44 per cent), the environment (43 per cent), and climate change (40 per cent).

On the lowest end of the scale is energy and pipelines with only 26 per cent of Albertans pleased with the way the government has handled

the issue, as well as housing, poverty and homelessness (25 per cent) and the economy and jobs (22 per cent.)

"Certain decisions from the provincial government have definitely been greeted with positive reviews by voters, particularly on business taxes and political donations," says Mario Canseco, vice president, public affairs at Insights West. "However, while two thirds of residents are voicing concerns about the economy and jobs,

only one in five are currently happy with the way the government is dealing with this issue."

Results are based on an on-line study conducted from May 5 to May 9, 2016, among 713 adult Albertans. The data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region. The margin of error — which measures sample variability — is +/- 3.7 percentage points.

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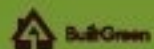
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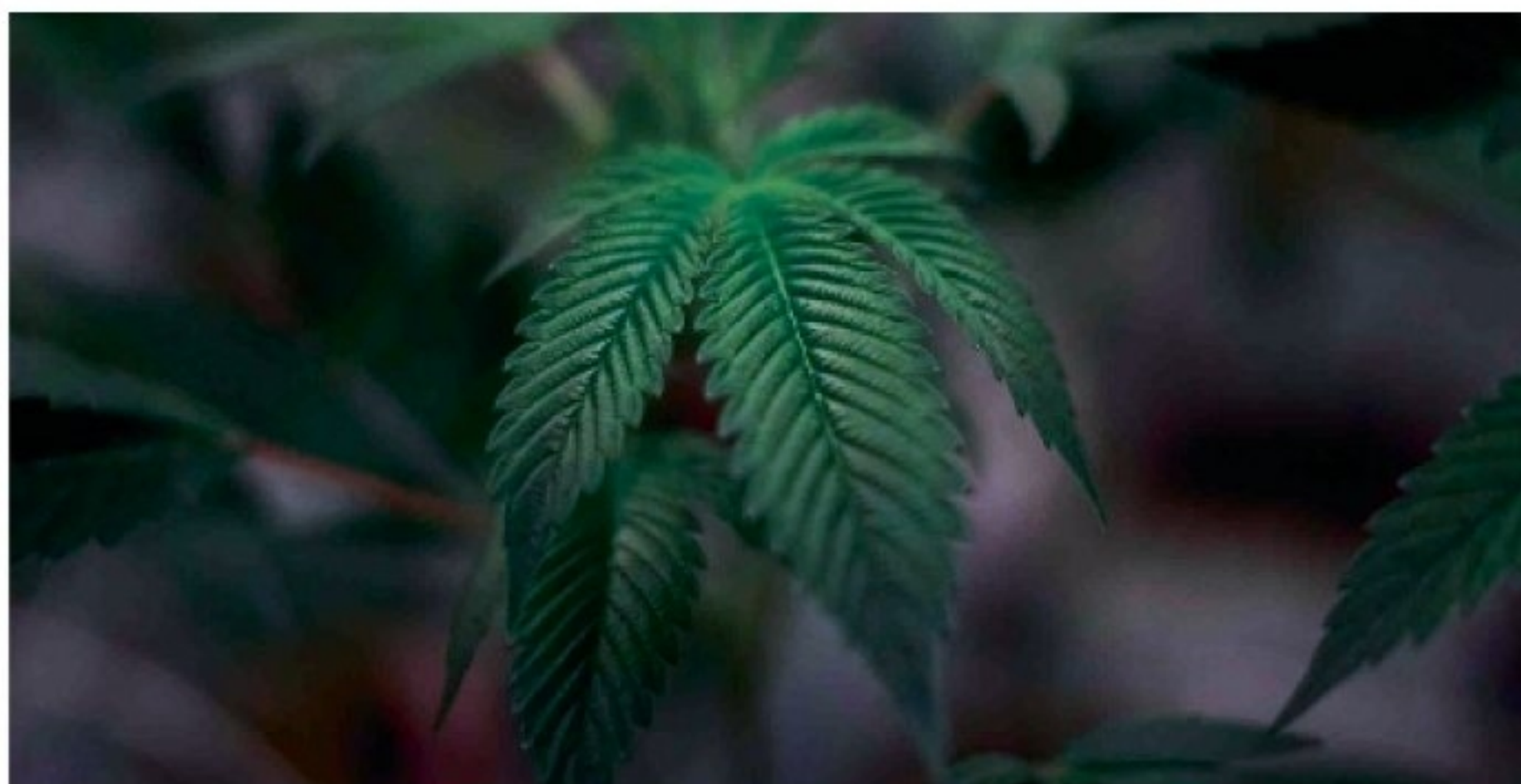
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A Calgary man says the city's regulations around medical marijuana use in public are too strict. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Medical marijuana user seeking clarity

BYLAW

Vaping rules restrict use of prescribed medication



A Calgary medical marijuana user is looking for clarity on where and when he can use the substance.

Daniel — not his real name — told Metro he's been using marijuana to deal with anxiety, PTSD and depression.

He uses a vaporizer to consume his marijuana, which he gets legally through Aurora

Cannabis, located in Alberta.

He said he's not looking to vape everywhere all the time, but said there are times when he has a panic attack and can't make it outside.

"If I need to have a quick vape, you know, very discreetly — I think I should be able to without having the repercussions," he said. "I don't want to be discriminated against because of the way I take my medication."

Daniel went looking for clarity on consumption regulations but he got differing opinions from the province and the city.

The province told him that

Alberta's Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act and Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Regulations do not apply to medical marijuana.

The City of Calgary, on the other hand, told him that the city's smoking bylaws do apply to marijuana.



**I don't want to
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medication.**

Daniel, medical pot user

Carissa Vescio, a spokesperson for the city, confirmed this.

"At this time, the municipal smoking bylaw includes any kind of smoking in a public place. It doesn't matter what substance is being burned, whether that's cannabis, tobacco or vapour."

Although the bylaw does specify tobacco in most cases, an update to the bylaw in June of 2015 includes electronic smoking devices, which is what Daniel uses.

She said there are no specific provisions for medical use in the bylaw, although individual officers might choose to write a warning ticket if the case was made.

"It's really up to the discretion of each bylaw officer," she said.

The bylaws can be enforced by any CPS officer, city bylaw officer or peace officer.

Daniel remains confused about the reasoning behind this.

"If someone needs to take a puffer (for asthma), how is that any different?"

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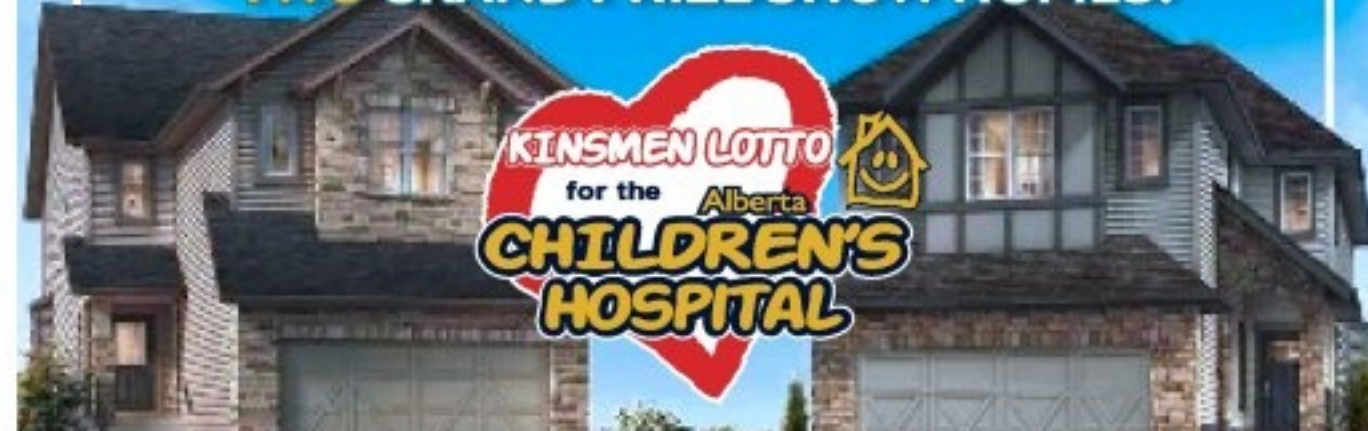
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Province expands rules on payday loans

LEGISLATION

Changes to cut interest costs, promote 'fair' lending: MLA

Alberta is taking action to curb what it terms exploitative behaviour by payday loan companies, but a spokesman for the industry says the changes are so

drastic they will do more harm than good.

Service Alberta Minister Stephanie McLean introduced legislation Thursday that would enforce lower interest costs and broaden repayment rules.

"These changes will dramatically reduce the annual interest rates for payday loans," she said.

"(This) will promote fair and responsible lending practices."

Payday loan lenders provide cash to people to tide them over

from paycheck to paycheck. The loans can be no more than \$1,500 and must be repaid within two months.

Alberta rules currently allow lenders to charge up to \$23 on every \$100 borrowed, plus any add-on fees.

Most payday loans demand repayment of the principal, plus interest and fees, when the next paycheck comes in.

That means a customer who takes out a \$500 loan will owe

+ CRITICISM

Lenders have long been criticized for charging fees that, if annualized, amount to more than 600 per cent interest. That can trap borrowers — often lower-income earners — in spiralling debt.

\$615 on the next paycheck, plus fees.

McLean's bill proposes limiting the amount to \$15 per \$100 with all fees included. That same customer who took out \$500 would instead pay back a maximum of \$575.

And rather than having to pay it back all at once, borrowers would be allowed to do so in instalments over a minimum of six weeks. Lenders also wouldn't be allowed to charge a fee for clients to cash cheques and they

couldn't introduce new credit for someone while a payday loan was outstanding.

Tony Irwin, president of the Canadian Payday Loan Association, said lending companies won't be able to absorb the steep cut in the rate cap.

"That will definitely mean store closures, job losses," said Irwin, adding many who use the stores now will not be able to obtain credit.

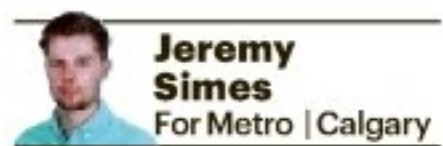
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There were three complaints against protective service staff at the South Health Campus from 2012-15. METRO FILE

HEALTH CARE

Fewer reported cases of abuse in hospitals



Reports of hospital abuse in Calgary and founded cases provincially have declined, as hospitals grapple with what an Alberta Health Services (AHS) official calls a violent environment that's not seen by most professions.

After some Calgarians recently stepped forward to report allegations of abuse by hospital peace officers and security, data obtained by Metro show there were 28 complaints against hospital protective services staff in Calgary from 2012 to 2015.

Only five of those complaints throughout that same time frame, though, were deemed "founded."

Referring to the low number of founded cases, Bob Stenhouse, executive director of protective services in centres of expertise at AHS, speculated some clients may feel any form of force would be excessive.

"We deal with mental health patients. Sometimes we have clients that can be violent towards themselves or others," Stenhouse said. "So they may feel any form of force would be excessive because they're not happy having to be restrained."

But the number of complaints lodged — including founded cases — at all of Alberta's health care, disability and shelter workers are much higher than what's

filed against protective services staff.

From Apr. 1, 2011 to Mar. 31, 2015, there were 508 founded cases of abuse provincially, according to the government. Data regarding these cases in Calgary were not provided, though, during that same time frame there were 258 reports of abuse in the Calgary Zone.

Rick Lundy, founder of Open Arms Patient Advocacy Society, said he believes the numbers only paint half the picture. He said he thinks many allegations of physical and emotional abuse go unreported.

"I think a lot of people don't know how (to report)," he said. "And then there are others who are really tired and think, 'What's (reporting) really going to do? Is it going to make me satisfied with how these things are investigated?' And I know the answer is no."

But Stenhouse said Alberta Health Services investigation process is rigorous — it's a test that asks these questions: Were officers working in legislative authority and within the expectations of AHS? Was physical force necessary to keep staff safe? And if it was necessary, was the amount of force reasonable within the context of the incident.

"We're very satisfied that the ones that are not founded have met the three prong test."

AHS always looks to improve, Stenhouse added.



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Plotting urban agriculture

LAND-USE

City looks to have farmers set up shop on vacant lots



Helen Pike
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Urban farmers are blurring the lines between country and city mouse as they move closer to the core.

We're not talking horses and cows in Bridgeland, but Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra is talking about having Small Plot Intensive (SPIN) farmers or urban farmers set up shop on land slated and waiting for development.

"We really want to make urban agriculture and urban farming a viable thing in Calgary," said Carra. "We're also trying to take this amazing place, this great neighbourhood of Bridgeland-Riverside and recognize the historic practice of farming vacant lots."

The lots, which form various phases of "The Bridges," a



Filmmaker Kai Cabodyna aka "Wabi Sabi Libra," left, with Dennis Scanland, Kate Stenson, Ward 9 Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra and Kye Kocher stand in front of the lot that could soon be an urban commercial farm operation. HELEN PIKE / METRO

mixed-use development project led by the City of Calgary, are still stagnant and moving slowly. So, in the meantime, Carra is hoping something else will grow in the area.

Plans are underway to bring fresh topsoil and compost to a piece of land right across the street from the Bridgeland Community Association. That plot is currently waiting to be developed, but has a few years

to go before shovels hit the ground.

There, farmers will start to tend and ready the land for this season, but realistically have a full-swing operation in the next growing season.

"This is not just a viable way to get food, but a viable career for people," said Dennis Scanland, of YYC Growers. "In order to do urban agriculture we need access to large pieces of

land ... so we need to partner with the city in order to make that happen."

Scanland said they have to go and crunch numbers, measure the space and decide on how to best grow in the space that's available.

"I feel like we're in an all-out, hit the pavement running, assess and build all at the same time," said Kye Kocher, another urban farmer with YYC Grow-

"This is not just a viable way to get food, but a viable career for people."

Dennis Scanland

ers. "That's kind of what I think we're doing. If we can get it done, let's do it!"

This idea isn't new, but can get caught up in some of the city's land-use bylaw bureaucracy, best practices and risk management. What's more, is these farmers would be running a for-profit business, but that doesn't typically fall in the city's policy tool kit.

"We've been working for several years establishing a pretty aggressive food policy, and this is going to be a great piloting of all of those good intentions that have been passed by council," "Obviously we live in a world that is lawyered up and very risk-averse."

Carra noted his mother was raised on healthful food grown on vacant lots. It's an ancient tradition and ready for the next generation.

CRIME

Stabbing suspect sought

The Calgary Police Service is releasing a composite sketch of a man believed to be involved in the stabbing of a pub employee.

At approximately 10:45 p.m. April 21, a female employee of a pub in the 1700 block of 61 Street SE came across a man walking into the kitchen. The man produced a knife and stabbed the employee before fleeing.

The employee, a woman in her 50s, was taken to hospital in life-threatening condition.

The suspect is described as an Aboriginal male, between 18 and 25 years old, five-foot-ten tall, with short dark hair.

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Police sketch of stabbing suspect. CONTRIBUTED

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ARSON

Police charge youths in connection to fires

Several wildfires in Edmonton over the weekend that rattled residents who'd been watching the devastation in Fort McMurray, have now led to police laying charges against two youths.

The pair face two arson-related charges a piece, according to police, for two of the grass fires over the past weekend that are alleged to have been deliberately set in the city's southwest.

Police said they received witness reports from one of the

fires about "three male suspects on bicycles," according to a statement.

"Upon arrival, officers located and arrested two youths on scene. A third suspect turned himself into police later Wednesday evening."

While the fire was successfully extinguished, police said the situation in Fort

McMurray has them being extra vigilant.

"We've all just witnessed the incredible devastation."

Erik Johnson

"We've all just witnessed the incredible devastation and threat to life that a fire can cause given the extremely dry conditions out there right now," said Insp. Erik Johnson.

"Surely, no one should need to be reminded, after seeing

those frightening images from Fort McMurray last week.

"I want to be clear. Anyone caught endangering the lives of our city's residents with this type of irresponsible behavior will be prosecuted to the maximum allowed under the law."

The two youths are also facing charges in connection with an arson that occurred near the Century Park LRT. They cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. The third youth has not been charged. METRO



Brent Thorkelson brought his Porsche GT3 to the Whitehorn Multi Services Centre Thursday to hold a BBQ to help raise funds for Hands Together for a Cure. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Brent Thorkelson has a troubled relationship with the word "accident."

After spending 26 years as a paramedic and more than 20 years as a race car driver, he's heard the word sneak into many unfit sentences.

To him, a child hit with cancer is the most honest use of the word.

"An accident on Deerfoot isn't really an accident — it's an incident," he said.

"But when a kid is diagnosed with cancer, they didn't do anything wrong, they just got the short end of the stick. It's something that has always been near and dear to me."

Which is why, in 2012, he launched Hands Together for a Cure with his wife and son.

Armed with a Porsche GT3

decade in the handprints signed by young cancer patients, he makes the 5.5-kilometre climb up Knox Mountain in Kelowna, B.C. at staggering speeds.

The awareness and fundraising campaign has raised more than \$50,000 for Kids Cancer Care's research in the first four years.

The climbing race has been going on for 59 years, and on May 21 Thorkelson will take his 20th run — and he'll be bringing children with cancer and their families up with him for the fifth year in a row.

"The kids I take up the hill see life through a different lens," he said. "It's such a privilege for me to meet them, and it's a double privilege because I'm in the position to give these kids an experience they'll never forget."

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Will they stay, or will they go?

In the aftermath of the Fort McMurray wildfire, which saw more than 88,000 people evacuated from their homes and destroyed 2,400 buildings, many people don't know what the future holds. One family Metro spoke with is determined to return to their lives, while another woman wants to leave the tragedy behind and move on.



Connie Jacobs and her son Zander, 10, are planning to go back to Fort McMurray with their family and pets. KEVIN TUNG/FOR METRO



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

If Zander Jacobs' parents have their way, their son will be reunited with the Sith lords he loves as soon as possible, back in Fort McMurray.

Ten-year-old Zander left his two action figures behind in his home — luckily still standing — when he evacuated it last week with his family.

Jacobs can't wait to see Darth Vader and Darth Maul again.

"I'm a really big Star Wars fan," he said. "I love all of them." But his parents are just keen

to return to the city they love.

"We're planning on going back, though there'll be lots of work to do," said Connie Jacobs, Zander's mother. "That's our home no matter where we are, that's where our heart is right now."

Evacuating the city was chaotic for the Jacobs family: Zander, his sister and father, Steven, weren't at home and ended up being evacuated north, while his mother was at home, and loaded up their two dogs, cat and bearded dragon — packed into an Old Dutch potato-chip box — and headed south.

They're now staying at a

friend's place in Spruce Grove, near Edmonton, where they're sharing space with two other families.

While Jacobs no longer has a job to go back to — she was working for a condo company that had all its units burn — she said her husband works for a flooring company that they believe is still in business.

She's looking forward to going home, but safety concerns have to be addressed.

"We definitely want to go back, but we want to make sure it's safe. We don't ever want to ever go through anything like this again."



Theresa Blacquiere is among few Fort McMurray residents who don't plan to return to the city. "I'm too terrified to go back," she says. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Theresa Blacquiere is adamant she won't return to Fort McMurray, after she fled the city in what she calls a terrifying experience.

After raging wildfires consumed about 10 per cent of Fort McMurray last week, Blacquiere was among the more than 88,000 who left their homes.

"I left with the clothes on my back," she said. "It was probably the most frightening experience I had ever been through."

And as many plan to rebuild

their lives in the city once they can return, Blacquiere said she won't — she has moved on.

"I'm too terrified to go back," she said, "and I can guarantee you I won't be back."

She said she isn't sure she'll return to fetch her belongings, as they continue to sit untouched since last week's blaze.

"I just don't know," she said repeatedly. "I've given my landlord my notice, so I may be paying rent until June. But it is what it is — I don't plan on going back."

In fact, Blacquiere has managed to acquire her old apartment in Lacombe.

She said she just feels happy to be somewhere away from the flames.

"It's just so heartbreaking to see what has happened," she said.

Blacquiere, who works as a clerk at an oil and gas camp south of the city, said nobody is quite sure when they'll be called back up, as the fire proves to move in unpredictable ways. She said the next two weeks will be getting settled in Lacombe, and waiting to see how work pans out.

"I haven't looked for other jobs, yet," she said. "I'm just going to take it day-by-day."

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NATURAL DISASTER

Fire chief takes a break as blaze moves on

The man who has been the face of the fire fight in Fort McMurray is taking some time off.

While the fire still rages out of control in the forest, Wood Buffalo fire Chief Darby Allen says work inside the city is moving toward recovery and that's not his expertise.

He says he will be heading south to Edmonton to have a beer and spend some time with his wife and two adult sons.

He's planning to be back in Fort McMurray in about a

week to resume his job as fire chief again.

Allen has been one of the people leading the battle against the wildfire that swept into the city last week and his heartfelt updates on social media have made him a celebrity of sorts.

More than 2,400 homes and buildings were destroyed in the blaze and 530 were damaged, but firefighters under his charge have been credited with saving up to 90 per cent

of the city.

Crews continued to snuff out flareups and seek out hot spots Thursday while inspectors assessed damage to homes and businesses.

Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee says as the focus shifts to stabilization and recovery, the key goals are making sure the fire is completely out, restoring utilities and ensuring the hospital is functional.

That's especially important

in an isolated region like Fort McMurray where the next nearest hospital is hours away, she told a briefing in Edmonton.

Larivee expects it will take five days to assess all structures in the city, but emphasized there is still no fixed date for a return.

"We know that this is not what Fort McMurray and area residents want to hear, but this is what we need to do to ensure safety," she said.

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A charred oven in the Abasands neighbourhood during a media tour of the fire-damaged city of Fort McMurray Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Fire damage an act of God, outside legislation



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Fort McMurray's fire only charred about 10 per cent of homes in the area, but for tenants and landlords still barred from the city, both could see losses over lease agreements.

Renters looking for answers about getting back their May 1 deposits won't find answers in Alberta's Residential Tenancies Act. According to a Calgary real estate lawyer, acts of God aren't part of provincial legislation and normally fall under the insurance.

Kim Clemens and her husband fled Fort McMurray after beginning a new lease on a condo. They paid their first month's rent and a damage deposit she says they may not get back.

"One week into evacuation they call to tell us they were

evicting us because they needed the condo back," Clemens said. "They said their home was gone so they needed that condo."

She said they intend to stay, and have already spoken to a lawyer about their rights — they've been advised to continue paying rent and that the landlord needs a just cause to evict them.

Calgary real estate lawyer Jeffrey Kahane said first steps include checking with your landlord and your insurance company — if you have one.

"There's nothing in the act that would let [tenants] get their month's rent back," Kahane said. "They're renting the property, all their stuff is in the property, and it's unfortunate. They could try talking to their landlord, but they're under no obligation to give it to them."

And it's not just renters with concerns. Some landlords can't claim lost rent through their insurance unless the property is reduced to cinders. They can defer their mortgage payments, but are still going to be on the hook for cash in the end. And if tenants leave, that's their livelihood on the line.



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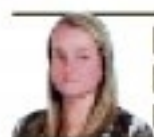


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Fort McMurray teens hope for proper prom

MILESTONES

High schoolers split up by fire want a safe place to dance



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Sienna Gurney and her peers were looking forward to graduating from high school in Fort McMurray—until the wildfires scattered them throughout the province and put their classes, graduation and prom on hold.

Gurney, 18, a Grade 12 student at Westwood Community High School in Fort McMurray, said unlike most Grade 12 students who are preparing for diploma exams and graduation with classmates, the wildfire has turned these



Sienna Gurney, 18, said she and other grade 12 students from Fort McMurray hope there is a prom held for them sometime soon—otherwise they might not all be together. CONTRIBUTED

milestones into unknowns for Fort McMurray grads.

Seeing so many Canadians step up at try to help them

through these tough times has been helpful, said Gurney.

“Seeing all the groups pop up and people trying to plan

us a prom and donating their dresses was really nice and very heart warming,” she said.

With chatter of a big prom being held in Edmonton sometime soon for the displaced students, Gurney said she's hopeful.

“Between going to university and a lot of them not having homes to go back to I don't think anyone would see the point in going back to celebrate graduation,” she said.

Gurney said she'd like to see the school board step up and get the students together in a safe place like Edmonton to have a prom—bringing them together one last time before life takes them in many directions.

In an statement from Douglas Nicholls, superintendent of Fort McMurray Public Schools he said they are focused first on credit issues. He said plans for prom are currently on the back burner.

EDUCATION

Over 330 students go back to school

Melanie Carabali is happy to be back at school after a hectic few days evacuating from her home in Fort McMurray.

The 11-year-old Grade 6 student said she didn't really understand what was going on but remembers the sky being red as she, her parents and two brothers fled the city on fire.

“The sky was red and orange but I didn't see the fire because my parents picked me up early,” she said.

But now safe in Calgary, Carabali said she's making new friends and enjoying her time at University School in the city's northwest.

“It's fun and I like the teachers and my new friends here,” she said.

“My best friend Ria and three other friends are all here.”

The Calgary Board of Edu-

cation said more than 330 Fort McMurray students have registered for school in Calgary, 97 of them are at University School.

Brother and sister Nora and John Keegan also attend University School.

They said they're doing whatever they can to make the new students feel welcome.

“We're just trying to whatever we can to make sure these new kids know our school is a welcoming environment,” said Nora, a Grade 5 student.

University School principal, Kathy Salmon, said all the students from Fort McMurray appear to be transitioning and bouncing back from the potentially traumatic experiences.

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Fort McMurray safe for years: Experts

PROTECTION

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Ryan Tumilty
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Silver linings will be small comfort to the residents of Fort McMurray, but the massive fire that forced all to flee may keep the community safe from a similar disaster in the future.

Chad Morrison, senior wild-

fire manager in Alberta, said the fire has destroyed so much of the forest around the community that it would be difficult for another to spread there again.

"With the fire that has burnt around the community, much of the vegetation has been consumed, so that will actually protect if the fire ends up turning around," he said.

The blaze, which has now

grown to more than 240,000 hectares, has largely moved past the community, but has burned its fringes on all sides.

Morrison said there are untouched areas of the forest and crews will work on those to make the community safer, before residents return.

"Once the fire has burned through, it won't return there, but there is still lots of work to make that safe," he said.

The community's mayor, Melissa Blake, echoed those comments.

"I feel safe from fires for the next 50 to 75 years, because it is not likely to do this again real soon," she said.

But she also said the community will have to take a hard look at how it's laid out and how its structures are built.

Blake added she felt the community will have to look at its efforts into Fire Smart programs, which are designed to reduce risk from forest fires.

"I thought we were doing a decent job until we experienced this, but I am not sure there is anything that could have prevented it," she said.



A charred vehicle and home in the Beacon Hill neighbourhood of Fort McMurray, after wildfires forced the evacuation of the town. CHRIS WATTIE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

“With the fire that has burnt around the community, much of the vegetation has been consumed, so that will actually protect if the fire ends up turning around.” Chad Morrison

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Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

These Calgary women aren't hoarders. They're lending a helping hand to Fort McMurray evacuees in need of the essentials: a change of clothes, a new pair of shoes, a toy and, most importantly, hugs.

This weekend, after pounding the pavement since the evacuation began, three Facebook group initiatives will finally have a centralized spot close to wildfire evacuees to dole out spoils from countless donation drives.

"We joined forces, started talking and planning, and this is what it came to," said Trish Mills, one of the volunteers behind the effort. "Everybody wants this so badly; everybody wants to be able to help. The evacuees want the help."



Trish Mills stands in her garage, filled to the brim with items for evacuees. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Mills said group members go on site to ask evacuees what they need and then try and fulfill that.

On Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., the groups will drive their fleets of supplied U-Hauls to the Max Bell Arena to hand out goods and connect

people with items they need.

Sheila Rougeau, a spokeswoman working with the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), said they're meeting all of the evacuees' immediate needs.

"We really want to support the great grassroots initiatives

and coming together. Everybody wants to help, and it's really honourable," Rougeau said.

"While we really appreciate the outpouring of generosity, we have been encouraging cash donations to charitable organizations, because that way the money will be allocated directly

+ HELP OUT

For more information, visit the Facebook groups behind the event: Calgary Helps Fort McMurray and Area, Calgary Helps YMM and YYC Helping YMM Fire Evacuees.

Donations won't be accepted at the event, but gift cards are welcome.

to evacuees."

Rougeau added they want groups to know that evacuees may not have the space to store additional items right now and may not be able to take things home with them when they do return to Fort McMurray.

"They are so appreciative, so thankful, so in need of things," Mills said.

The members behind this initiative have garages and homes full of items, and although it's incredibly overwhelming, they are willing to take on the challenge.

"It feels good to help and see what we're doing — that it's just worth it."

STRESS RELIEF

Strippers show their big hearts

Evacuees from Fort McMurray have been offered meals, clothing, places to stay and now an unusual gift — a free lap dance.

An Edmonton strip club is waiving its \$9 entry fee and offering one \$30 lap dance to any customers from the city.

The oilsands capital is home to many families. But Chris Round, manager of a company that operates five strip clubs in Alberta, including one in Fort McMurray, acknowledges the city has a reputation as a party place for oil workers making loads of money and spending it in bars on their days off.

"Fort McMurray has been very good to our industry and to our business, that's for sure," Round said Wednesday.

Fort McMurray clients are coming to the Edmonton club, Eden Exotic Entertainment, and happily taking advantage of the promotion, he said.

"It's been a stressful time for everybody. People just want to relax and get their mind off things for a little bit."

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For more information, visit silverstarsrevue.com.

**SATURDAY —
Splash of Red Gala**

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For more information, visit hivcl.org.

**SATURDAY —
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AARON CHATHA/METRO



Principal trumpet Adam Zinatelli said there's something special about hearing music live. AARON CHATHA/METRO

Season of 'spontaneity' kicks off

CALGARY PHILHARMONIC

New shows range from Mozart to Indiana Jones



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra is filling out another season of classics, pop music — and Indiana Jones.

The 2016-17 season covers classic works like Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, and one of CEO Paul Dornian's favourites, Mozart and Mahler.

"I'm really looking forward to Mahler's Night Symphony, which is going to be the conclusion of our classic series and the conclusion of our multi-year cycle of all the Mahler symphonies," he said.

He also recommends Calgarians look into seeing violin superstar Gidon Kremer with Kremerata Baltica.

"I think this is one of the best musical groups in the world and (he's) just a great, great soloist. I'm thrilled to have them here," he explained.

The season also spreads its

arms across the globe for the Latin American Fiesta, featuring compositions from Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and beyond.

For those looking for a more modern or family-oriented flair, the Philharmonic will also live-score Raiders of the Lost Ark, present Pop Hits with music from Adele to Pharrell and score a multimedia Legend of Zelda concert.

In an age where Canadians can download films and compositions directly to their phone, CPO's principal trumpet Adam Zinatelli said live orchestra still has a bit of magic to offer.

"The spontaneity; it's always something different," he said.

"If we play Beethoven's third symphony — if we had 10 concerts, they'd all be different. Not that any would be better than the others, they'd just be different and would reveal different things about the music."

Dornian said the music has a different energy when it's live — something that even the most expensive of sound systems can't replicate. The live acoustic music is presented without amplification, so what audiences hear is coming directly from the instruments.

For a complete rundown of the new season, visit calgaryphil.com.



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Adam Zinatelli on the magic of live orchestra

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Retro video up for Prism Prize

CANADIAN MUSIC

Fast Romantics' Matthew Angus was inspired by Fred Astaire



Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

When a young Matthew Angus first watched Royal Wedding at his grandmother's house, he could never have known he'd find himself in the same 1950s scene alongside Fred Astaire.

But, thanks to some clever editing and a conveniently absent copyright, that's exactly what happened.

For the Fast Romantics pop-rock single Julia, Angus, lead singer, took the reins of the music video by superimposing the band into the legendary scene where Astaire performs a gravity-defying dance around the room.

It was his first time directing a music video, but the

finished product earned him a nomination for the 2016 Prism Prize Top 10 for the Best Canadian Music Video, alongside videos for Death From Above 1979, Drake and Grimes.

"I was completely surprised," he said.

"I don't really see myself as a music director — or, at least I didn't — and there are real music video directors nominated here, so it's an honour."

Julia, a track produced with Gus Van Go (Michael Rault, Hollerado, Whitehorse), is more upbeat than the band's melancholic sound in songs like Funeral Song.

But the rhythm left the door wide open for Astaire to walk in and take on the dance role.

"We knew the idea was at risk of being super cheese-ball, or just not believable," laughed Angus.

"We're not really a dancing kind of band, but it was basically one of those 'wouldn't it be cool' kind of situations."

Angus had always been fascinated with directing, and was even set to study film

+ STAY TUNED

Along with artists like Grimes, Death From Above 1979, and Drake, Angus will find out if they took the prize home at the Prism Prize Awards Presentation on Sunday, May 15 at the TIFF Bell Lightbox in Toronto.

after graduating high school. But it wasn't long before he formed Fast Romantics in Calgary with Jeffrey Lewis in 2008.

"It was the first thing I wanted to do before I found music," he said. "I was thinking I could be a director, but it kind of fell by the wayside, but I never left the idea ... It's funny, when the Prism Prize came up and it said, 'Director Matt Angus,' I was like, oh yeah, I guess I am."

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Puppet play explores Bow myths

ENVIRONMENT

Characters tell the stories of the river in unique way



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Much like time, the Bow River flows forward — until it doesn't.

Mudfoot Theatre's newest puppet-oriented production, *River: A Puppet Myth*, flings its timeline into the distant future, where the local community has long abandoned the Bow River. Now desperate for water, they return to the mighty river, and share stories rooted in real history in an attempt to discover what happened to the water.

The first "myth" the characters discuss is about the birth of the Bow River.

"In that myth, we have environmental research — how was the glacier formed that started the river valley?"

explained Geneviève Paré, co-artistic director.

"It's also infused with a Blackfoot myth, that was shared with us by a Blackfoot elder. Then there's an added layer of what they imagine the story could be, and who the characters are — these creatures who are involved in the birth of the Bow River."

The play has a strong environment message — even the puppets are made from recycled materials.

Paré organized a community cleanup of the Bow River, and used the objects they found to create the puppets and the set.

"We tried to honour the object by not altering it too much, so people can appreciate, yes, that is a bicycle seat," she said. "I can see that's an old boot. But now it's become this new entity, this new piece of magic."

The characters in the play uncover the myths and stories through a variety of means. They have a communication device they used to relay back to home base, but it starts receiving satellite messages from the past, giving them a glimpse



River: A Puppet Myth uses materials found from the Bow River to create puppets and a set, to inspire Calgarians to diminish their waste. COURTESY GENEVIÈVE PARÉ AND HALEY MCDONNELL

into history.

As the characters become more and more dehydrated, one of them begins having hallucinations, which contribute

to the narratives.

Paré said Calgarian, and much of Canadian, culture is tied to water, and how European settlers travelled from

east to west. Humans are tied to water as a basic need.

She said the play is dark but absurd — aimed at adults, so it can be intimidating for young

children.

It runs at Pumpphouse Theatre from June 7 to 11. For more information, visit mudfoottheatre.com.

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Band on giving and receiving end with album



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Cowpuncher, Calgary's riff-laden, stoner rock band with a pulsating bass, has been rocking the local circuit since 2010. Their new album, *Hustle*, comes out May 14, and they're celebrating with a show at The Nite Owl, starting at 9 p.m.

Of the album's nine tracks, why choose *Straight Line* as a single?

We think it's a great song. We actually had a lyric video made for it. We had this high-school kid do a chalk lyric video outside of his house. It took him 20 hours on his hands and knees. Because we're slave drivers.

How did you connect with



Hustle is the band's fourth full-length record. COURTESY COWPUNCHER

producer Derek Downham (Serena Ryder, Sam Roberts)?

When we were at CMW (Canadian Music Week) a couple of years ago, we set up a meeting with him. It was actually the night after this crazy bar brawl at Rancho Relaxo, and I had the s--- kicked out of me. I had two black eyes and a broken nose.

What was it like working with him on *Hustle*?

He's a bit of a bulldog. I wouldn't say he was a pleasant person to work with, but we liked his results, so we're

OK with his behaviour.

He made a great album. He pushed us hard, yelled at us a lot, screamed at us a lot, but the results speak for themselves.

How has Cowpuncher evolved since 2010's *Brown Album*?

We used to be a straight-up country band. We had a guy who played pedal steel and banjo in our band. We used to be a seven piece; now we're a five piece. Everything's changed. I don't think we're even molecularly the same people we were back then.

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Activating Attawapiskat

MENTAL WELLNESS

Group to teach youth how to bring sports and hope home



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Skylar Hookimaw has been searching for a way to bring positivity into his home of Attawapiskat and believes he may have found it this week.

The First Nation declared a state of emergency in April after its population of around 2,000 saw more than 100 suicide attempts in half a year.

Both federal and provincial governments responded with crisis teams, mental-health professionals and social workers, but the state of emergency also caught the attention of Motivate Canada.

Every year, Motivate hosts the Activate National Youth Leadership Forum — a workshop-based conference for young people to learn how to leverage the power of sport



Tatum Nakogee and Skylar Hookimaw in Ottawa on Thursday. COURTESY DAN DUBEAU

and recreation to change their communities for the better.

Motivate CEO Don Adams and organizers saw social-media posts on what Attawapiskat youth said they needed.

"They were saying, 'We need more recreation, more sport, more physical activity... something to do,'" Adams said. "So we said, 'We really think our

“Hopefully they will feed off of that positivity and look forward to a brighter future.”

Skylar Hookimaw

Activate program could make a difference."

Motivate invited Hookimaw and two other young people from Attawapiskat to Activate 2016, running this week at the YMCA Bonenfant Camp in Dunrobin, just outside Ottawa.

Rather than dispatch outside help to Attawapiskat, Activate is teaching three of its own

young people how to spark change from within.

"I think this will really help," said Hookimaw, 19. "These things I am learning are all positive, and I'm looking forward to teaching some of the youth what I'm learning."

"Hopefully they will feed off of that positivity and look forward to a brighter future." He said he plans to take home some of the games and activities he's learning about.

"It would be really awesome if they had this in my community. The youth would come out and socialize more and feel like they matter," he said.

He and his neighbours Tatum Nakogee, 16, and Sky Koostachin, 22, are currently engaged in workshops on sport program development, physical literacy, networking, inclusion and wellness, to name a few.

"We hope to support them," Adams said. "They're keen to make a difference; we just want to support that."

To that end, Motivate is fundraising to send a member of its "Gen 7" role-model program for aboriginal youth to Attawapiskat to support the new "Activators."

EXPLOITATION

Child sex tourism increasing

More children than ever are being exploited in the travel and tourism sector in Canada and around the world, according to a new report released Thursday.

The two-year study, produced by the non-governmental organization ECPAT International, found that child-sex tourism has increased drastically and changed in nature in the last 20 years despite strong global efforts to combat the problem.

The main reason is the "phenomenal" increase in global travel, which has created more opportunities for abuse, says a member of the task force that oversaw the report.

"The only way not to find this problem in any community is simply not to look," Ernie Allen said in an interview.

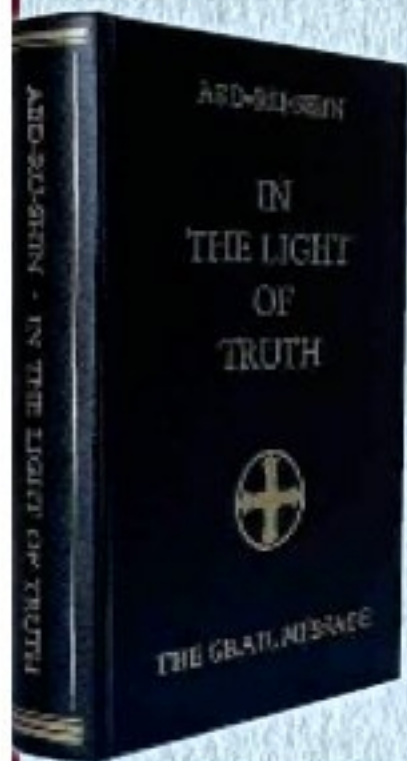
The study found that Canada and the U.S., which have traditionally been considered "source countries" for abusers, are increasingly also becoming destinations. In Canada, indigenous women and kids are especially vulnerable.

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Ahmad Zeina, centre, 5, swings with his siblings Mohammad, left, 11, and Noor, 7, at the Syrian refugees' new family home in Queensland, N.S., on April 16. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONCTON SHOOTINGS

RCMP pleads not guilty to labour charges

Wives of two fallen officers left a courtroom disappointed Thursday after the RCMP pleaded not guilty to Labour Code violations stemming from a 2014 shooting rampage targeting Mounties.

"At this point we're just hoping for a quick resolution," said Angela Gevaudan, whose husband Const. Fabrice Gevaudan was one of three Mounties killed when Justin Bourque began shooting at police in a residential neighbourhood.

"It has been a frustrating

process," said Nadine Larche, whose husband Const. Doug Larche was killed.

Trial was set for April 17, 2017. The RCMP are accused of four violations relating to the force's equipment, training and supervision.

The charges allege the RCMP failed to provide members with the appropriate equipment, information, instruction and training in an active shooter event, and failed to provide supervisors with appropriate information

and instruction or training in an active shooter event.

"The matter is going to go to trial and the RCMP is going to contest the allegations," said defence lawyer Mark Ertel Thursday.

Bourque pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder for killing Gevaudan and Larche as well as Const. Dave Ross, while constables Eric Dubois and Darlene Goguen were wounded. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A massive manhunt

Bourque, 26, used a semi-automatic rifle to shoot the five officers in the city, and set off a 30-hour manhunt that drew in officers from around the region.

He was sentenced to life in prison with no eligibility for parole for 75 years.

McCallum: Refugees 98% settled

FEDS

Most Syrian arrivals have permanent housing

Immigration Minister John McCallum says 98 per cent of government-sponsored Syrian refugees have now found permanent housing.

The minister is telling a Commons committee that the remaining two per cent should be housed by mid-June.

He says the government plans to bring in 25,000 government-sponsored refugees from Syria this year and is well on its way to that goal.

That's on top of the 25,000 brought in by the end of February in a mix of sponsorships.

McCallum says 17,300 of this year's 25,000 government-sponsored refugees have already arrived and the remainder will be here by the end of December.

He says challenges remain in the fields of language training and jobs, but resettlement efforts are proceeding.

McCallum says there is still a demand among Canadians to

help Syrian refugees.

"I'm probably the only immigration minister in the world whose major challenge is not being able to deliver enough refugees quickly enough to satisfy the amazing generosity of Canadian households, Canadian families who want to sponsor them," he said.

"This is good problem to have in a sense that it underlines the welcoming nature of our people, but it's still a problem."

He said additional officials have been deployed into the region to help process more newcomers.

The focus on people fleeing Syria has not left other refugees short-changed, he added.

"We have not lost sight, despite the recent attention paid to Syrian newcomers, of other refugees who also need our protection."

It made sense, he said, to put extra effort into the Syrian situation. "This was the worst refugee crisis the world has seen in decades."

McCallum also said that the Syrian refugee program will likely come in under budget, although final tallies are still being made. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trump mending fences

U.S. ELECTION

Front-runner pledges to work with House Speaker

Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan pledged to work together despite their differences after a meeting Thursday aimed at unifying a party torn over Trump's rise to the cusp of the Republican presidential nomination. The speaker stopped short of a full-throated endorsement but appeared closer to one.

Trump and Ryan issued a statement describing their meeting as a "very positive step toward unification" that recognized "many important areas of common ground" as well as areas where they disagree. Ryan stunned Republicans by withholding his endorsement a week ago when it became clear Trump was on a firm path to the nomination.

The much-anticipated meeting unfolded as more Republicans have begun urging the



Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan have vowed to work together despite their differences in an attempt to unify the Republican Party. GETTY IMAGES

party to leave the extraordinary discord behind. The statement by the two suggested both are invested in tamping down Republican infighting as they try to pull the GOP together for the fight against Hillary Clinton and Democrats in the fall.

Ryan told a news conference they are "planting the seeds" to

accomplish that.

In a tweet, Trump said: "Great day in D.C. with @SpeakerRyan and Republican leadership. Things working out really well!"

Trump, in a black SUV, slipped from one GOP power centre to another on a fence-mending mission made necessary by his outsider status in the city that

embodies insiders.

The billionaire's provocative, crowd-rousing pronouncements, his arsenal of insults hurled at rivals and his amorphous positions on matters dear to conservatives have unnerved many GOP leaders who fear he will be crushed in the fall. At the same time, more are recognizing that

he's tapped a deep nerve among many of the disaffected - and the GOP has no alternative to him in any event.

Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, an ally of GOP leadership, said Thursday his biggest worry about Trump is that he is "unpredictable." Yet Trump is also a "change agent," Cole said. "That's exactly what people want right now, so in that sense he's very well-positioned for a general election."

The highest-ranking woman in the House GOP leadership, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington state, said the meeting gave her a chance to make this core value clear to Trump: "Dreaming big for everyone and turning its back on no one."

About a dozen protesters who oppose Trump's immigration positions demonstrated at the front of the RNC building where the men met. They chanted "Down, down with deportation. Up, up with liberation." They carried a cardboard coffin that they said represents the suffering of immigrants under GOP policies and the death of the party under Trump.

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GEORGE ZIMMERMAN

Gun used in Martin case for sale online

An online gun auction website yanked George Zimmerman's ad to sell the pistol he used to kill unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin, saying it wanted no part in the deal, but a second site offered to post it.

A listing for the weapon was removed from the GunBroker.com site Thursday morning, minutes after the auction was to begin, as negative traffic about the sale exploded online.

In a statement posted on its website, GunBroker.com said listings are user generated, and that the company reserved the right to reject listings at its discretion. No one there "has any relationship with Zimmerman", the company wrote in its statement.

It added, "We want no part in the listing on our website or in any of the publicity it is receiving." Hours later, United Gun Group tweeted that it would post Zimmerman's ad.

Critics called the planned auction an insensitive move to profit from the slaying.

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Michel Temer AFP/GETTY IMAGES

BRAZIL

Interim president calls for unity, ousted leader vows to fight

Brazil's suspended President Dilma Rousseff vowed Thursday to use "all legal means" to fight her permanent ouster in an impeachment trial, raising the spectre of continued political turmoil as acting leader Michel Temer tries to rescue a sinking economy.

Hours later, Temer called for unity, promising to improve the economy and support a big corruption probe at state oil company Petrobras.

Speaking in the morning after the Senate voted to impeach her, in what might prove her last official event within the presidential

palace, the nation's first female president blasted the process as "fraudulent" and said it was an injustice more painful than the torture she endured under a past military dictatorship.

She again rejected critics' accusations that she used illegal accounting tricks in managing

the federal budget.

"I may have committed errors but I never committed crimes," Rousseff said during a 14-minute address, flanked by dozens of top officials and brass from her left-leaning Workers' Party.

Speaking to several thousand supporters, Rousseff said the al-

legations against her are nothing more than a red herring, part of a "coup" orchestrated by power-hungry foes.

"I am the victim of a great injustice," she said, adding, "I fought my whole life and I'm going to keep fighting."

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CALGARY-SOUTH EAST PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The CALGARY-SOUTH EAST PC Association is seeking individuals interested in becoming board members to be part of the constituency association. The AGM notice period will commence today, May 13, 2016. The AGM will be held from 9:30am to 11:30am on May 28, 2016 at the New Brighton's Residents Association, located at 2 New Brighton Dr SE, Calgary. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect the board of directors and approve the constitution. Attendees are required to have a valid 2016 PCAA membership card, which can be obtained online at www.pcalberta.org.

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Artist Danielle Charlestin shows off a burial container she is painting in Troy, N.Y., that will hold the remains of a slave found at an unmarked cemetery. MIKE GROLL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Remains of slaves to be reburied

ALBANY, N.Y.

Construction workers found the graveyard 11 years ago

Their exhumed bones point to the hard lives of slaves: arthritic backs, missing teeth, muscular frames. In death, they were wrapped in shrouds, buried in pine boxes and — over centuries — forgotten.

Remains of the 14 presumed slaves will soon be reburied near the Hudson River in New York state, 11 years after construction workers uncovered the unmarked gravesite. This time, volunteers are honoring the seven adults, five infants and two children in a way that would have been unthinkable when they died. They will be publicly memorialized and buried in personalized boxes beside prominent families in old Albany.

"It's something we agonize over because it's very rare that you have an opportunity to not just speak about the

lives of the enslaved, but to actually do something to honour them," said Cordell Reaves, of the Schuyler Flatts Burial Ground Project.

Their headstone is already set. The etching, echoing the style of 18th-century graves, reads: "Here lies the remains of 14 souls known only to God. Enslaved in life, they are slaves no more."

Archeologists found remains in 2005 after a backhoe operator uncovered a skull during sewer construction just north of Albany. Graves were in two rows, heads pointed west.

The type of wrought iron nails on the coffins and brass pins on the shrouds indicated burials in the 18th or early 19th centuries. They were buried on the former site of a farm owned by members of the locally prominent Schuyler family, who kept slaves.

DNA tests on five of the women and one man showed maternal ancestry from Africa and Madagascar. Another woman, identified as of African descent, had Native American roots on her mother's side.

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WHO REPORT

Air pollution killing millions in cities

Almost everyone in large cities in poor and middle-income countries faces excessively high air pollution, a growing problem that is killing more than three million people prematurely each year, the World Health Organization said Thursday.

The UN health agency says more than four out of five city dwellers worldwide live in cities that don't meet WHO air quality guidelines.

The findings are part of WHO's third Global Urban Ambient Air Pollution Database, which examines outdoor air in 3,000 cities, towns and villages across 103 countries, although some nations, including many in Africa, don't contribute data.

The agency named Zabol, Iran, as the city with the highest annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns in diameter — a key measure of air pollu-

tion that could damage health. By that measure, India stood out as home to more than half of the 21 most polluted cities.

New Delhi, which had previously topped the list, dropped to No. 11 after decreasing its concentration of particulate matter by about 20 per cent from 2013 to 2015 through a series of air-clearing measures including banning older cars and cargo trucks from the city, introducing steep fines for con-

struction pollution or garbage burning, and shutting down an old coal-fired power plant.

In Europe, the Bosnian city of Tuzla had the worst air, although its pollution level was far less than in much larger cities in India, Pakistan and China. The worst air pollution in a U.S. city was in California's Visalia-Porterville area, ranked far lower, at 1,080th, than many developing-world cities.

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Corruption in Cameron crosshairs

TAX EVASION

British leader's efforts come after troubling Panama leaks

A handful of countries agreed Thursday to publish lists of who really owns companies in their territories, a move hailed by the British government as a step toward stopping a global plague of tax evasion, money-laundering and bribery.

The "beneficial ownership" registers were announced at a London summit called by Prime Minister David Cameron to fight what he termed the "cancer" of corruption.

Cameron, who has made combating financial wrongdoing one of his flagship policies, said the gathering showed that after years of good intentions, the conference marked the start of "a global movement against corruption."

"There's nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come," he said.

But many countries didn't sign up to the tough actions Cameron sought, and anti-corruption groups said criminals would still find plenty of places to stash their money — including tax havens linked to Britain.

Susana Ruiz, tax expert at anti-poverty charity Oxfam, said "tax dodgers can still sleep easily tonight."

Heads of state, ministers and diplomats from some 40 countries met Thursday at the elegant London mansion Lancaster House, and made a plethora of promises: to fight bribery in public contracting and the energy sector; to clean up international sports; to step up intelligence and law-enforcement co-operation; and to return stolen assets to their owners. The U.S. and Britain announced they would host a global asset-recovery conference next year.

Firm commitments, however, varied widely. Just six countries — Britain, France, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Kenya and Afghanistan — agreed to publish registers of who really benefits from corporate ownership, a key goal of anti-corruption groups. Six more, including Australia, Ireland and Norway, said they would "explore doing so."

Critics of Cameron's efforts say London's financial district, the City, is awash with ill-gotten gains, and many of the world's leading tax havens are British dependencies or overseas territories.

Cameron's own financial credentials were tarnished by last month's revelation — in leaked papers from Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca — that he had a stake in an offshore firm established by his late father. Cameron sold his shares in 2010, before he took power. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

“It's the cancer at the heart of so many problems in our world.”
David Cameron, on corruption



SIGN OF THE TIMES IDOMENI IMMIGRANTS CALL FOR HELP Children hold placards as migrants and refugees take part in a peaceful protest at a makeshift refugee camp of the northern Greek border point of Idomeni, Greece, on Thursday. About 54,000 people are currently stranded in Greece, after the European Union and Turkey reached a deal designed to stem the flow of refugees into Europe's prosperous heartland. PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYRIA

Al-Qaida and hardliners seize village

Al-Qaida fighters and other ultraconservative Sunni insurgents seized a predominantly Alawite village in central Syria on Thursday, sparking fears of sectarian violence as families from the village were reported missing by activists.

Syrian Prime Minister Wael al-Halqi said "terrorists" were killing residents of the village of Zaara, previously controlled by the government. Syrian state media said insurgents had looted and destroyed homes.

Clashes continued into the afternoon as government or allied Russian aircraft pound-

ed rebel positions, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said, adding that seven militants were killed. The Local Coordination

70,000

The Red Cross had to cancel a 24-truck aid convoy to the town of al-Houla, near Zaara. It was to be the first aid delivery to the town since March, when aid reached 70,000 residents in the area.

Committees, an activist-run network, said the insurgents killed over 30 pro-government fighters in the clashes.

Ahrar al-Sham, an ultraconservative Sunni militant group, led the assault on Zaara, along with the Nusra Front, al-Qaida's Syrian franchise, which often fights alongside opposition factions. The Observatory, which covers both sides of the conflict through a network of local activists, said families disappeared from Zaara.

Syria's conflict began with peaceful protests against President Bashar Assad but

escalated into a civil war after a brutal government crackdown.

Assad and his family are Alawites, an offshoot of Shiite Islam, while the majority of Syrians are Sunni Muslims. Both the government and the opposition claim to represent the entire country, but groups on both sides have carried out sectarian attacks.

The Local Council of Daraa, a Facebook page operated by activists inside the town, posted a video following the shelling showing what appears to be more than two bodies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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EXPLOSION

Four Kurdish rebels killed in Turkey: official

A Turkish official said four Kurdish rebels were killed while loading explosives onto a truck in southeastern Turkey on Thursday, hours after a separate blast targeting the military in Istanbul wounded eight.

The explosion that killed the Kurdish rebels occurred in the province of Diyarbakir in the Sarikamis district and it wounded 10 others, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to

the media. Sarikamis is about 15 kilometres from the mainly Kurdish city of Diyarbakir. In Istanbul, a car bomb targeting the Turkish military exploded, wounding eight people, officials said.

The explosion occurred inside a parked car near the entrance to a military garrison in Istanbul's Sancaktepe neighbourhood as the evening rush hour began, the area's mayor, Ismail Erdem, said. Five military personnel and three civilians were injured in the

explosion, one seriously, Istanbul governor Vasip Sahin said.

The explosion comes just two days after Kurdish rebels detonated a car bomb close to a police vehicle in Diyarbakir, killing three people and wounding dozens. The rebels of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, have been targeting police and military targets since July, when a fragile peace process collapsed. Daesh has also been blamed for a series of deadly bombings in Turkey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ BACKGROUND

The PKK is fighting for autonomy for Turkey's Kurds in the southeast of the country. It has waged a decades-long insurgency against the Turkish state in a conflict that has claimed 40,000 lives. The group is considered a terrorist organization by Turkey and its allies.



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A festival involving 900 horses, 1,500 people will mark Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Queen set to turn 90

BIRTHDAY

Extravagant four-day party planned for monarch

Does one person really need 900 horses to tell their life story? Well, maybe if they're 90 years old, have reigned over Britain for decades — and really love horses.

For Queen Elizabeth II, it's not just a birthday, it's a birthday season. And the four-day, 900-horse, 1,500-human extravaganza that begins Thursday is a spectacle marking the midpoint — halfway between her real birthday in April and her official birthday, to be celebrated nationally in early June.

The festival will climax Sunday evening with a national televised show to be attended by the queen and her husband Prince Philip.

It is taking place at the same time as the Royal Windsor Horse Show, on part of the estate that includes Windsor Castle, one of the queen's favourite retreats.

This festival is designed with the queen's passions in mind. There's no doubt the queen is dutiful — fulfilling thousands of official obligations since 1952 — but little doubt that being around horses is what she really enjoys.

Even on official foreign trips, she often schedules a free morning or afternoon to check out equine culture in the countries

+ ENTERTAINMENT

The evening performances promise to be eclectic in the extreme and possibly a bit kitschy: Dancers and singers will be coming from all parts of the globe, including Oman, Chile, New Zealand, Canada and Azerbaijan. Military bands and 100 pipers will get their time onstage as well.

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she's visiting, sometimes confounding schedulers by tarrying too long.

So organizers have decreed: Let there be horses aplenty. And let there be singers and theatre acts and dancers as well. Organizers have built on the success of a similar pageant held four years ago to mark the queen's Diamond Jubilee. But that was small beer — only 556 horses. This time, they've upped the number to 900, 10 for each of the queen's years.

Viewers who watch from home are likely to see something quite rare. It's almost guaranteed that the often stern monarch, known for keeping her emotions in check, will smile once or twice at the feats of horsemanship on display.

Indeed, she smiled broadly Thursday when her horse Barber's Shop won a thoroughbred event at the horse show — the queen's prize was a voucher for use at the Tesco grocery chain.

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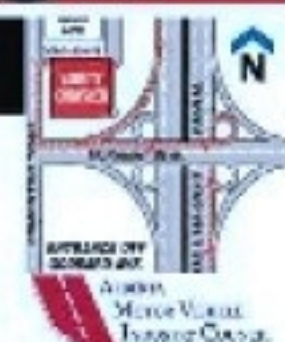
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REPRESENTATION

Google aims to create emojis aimed at women

Google wants professional women to be better represented in emoji form.

In a proposal to the Unicode Consortium, which controls specifications for emojis, Google says it wants to create a new set "with a goal of highlighting the diversity of women's careers and empowering girls everywhere."

Sample emojis provided by Google in the proposal show several female characters in professional clothing, including business suits, lab coats, medical scrubs and construction hats.

Google wants Unicode to standardize the emojis by the end of the year.

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Emojis designed by Google to focus on women. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Walmart attacks Amazon with shipping deal

Wal-Mart is sharpening its attack on Amazon.com. The world's largest retailer is trimming its free-

shipping pilot program to two days from a three, and it's cutting a dollar off the membership price. Membership is now be \$49 per year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



This photo provided by Felix & Paul Studios shows a scene from a 3-D video series called Nomads. Virtual reality specialist Oculus is trying to impress consumers by adding entertainment and educational options to the Samsung Gear headset. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Samsung expands virtual reality

TECHNOLOGY

Company pairs with Oculus in attempt to dazzle consumers

Smartphone maker Samsung and virtual reality specialist Oculus are trying to dazzle consumers by adding more entertainment and educational options to their Gear headset in hopes of transforming the technological curiosity into a cultural phenomenon.

The new selections announced Wednesday include

Nomads, a three-dimensional video series examining way-faring lifestyles in remote parts of the world. There's also an upcoming video game called Tactera that requires players to plot a battlefield strategy on a holographic tabletop, and another 360-degree video called 6X9 providing a grim look of what it's like to be stuck in a prison's solitary confinement cell.

They join a menu of more than 250 apps designed for the Gear VR since its consumer model was released nearly six months ago. That's a meagre amount compared to the millions of apps avail-

+ NEXT BIG THING

Mark Zuckerberg is convinced virtual reality is destined to become technology's next big breakthrough, and other influential trendsetters Google and Apple are now scrambling to catch up in the still-nascent field.

able for the iPhone and devices running on the Android operating system.

Devices that build an arsenal of compelling apps usually are easier to sell to

consumers. Programmers, though, put a lower priority on designing apps for devices until they have amassed a large audience.

That hasn't happened yet with the Gear, though Oculus says it is winning over fans faster than it anticipated when the headset hit the market just before last year's holiday shopping season. About 1 million people used the Gear VR last month for an average of 25 minutes per day, according to Oculus. About 80 per cent of that time was spent watching video.

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ANSWERS IN THE SHADOWS
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FINDINGS
Your week in science



SELECTIVE MEMORY
You know the feeling: We remember past failures and embarrassments acutely but forget less awful things that happened around the same time. A study from University College London suggests the hippocampus, which helps associate memories with their surrounding context, is less active while we're exposed to gruesome images and events.

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CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Can garlic cure my cold?

If I'm coming down with a cold, I should swallow a bunch of garlic right away, right? — Rosie, Vancouver

Mmm. Garlic bread. That will definitely make you happy and take your mind off your cold. In all seriousness, though, there's some evidence garlic prevents colds, but it's pretty weak.

Garlic contains a fragrant compound called allicin, which has been shown in the lab to have antiviral and antibacterial

properties. Clinical trials in people, though, are scarce and mostly poorly designed. The most recent review of the research I could find included just one good-quality experiment: 146 people got either a placebo or 180 mg of allicin (10 cloves' worth!) daily for three months. According to self-reported symptoms (not the most reliable), the garlic group had less than half as many colds.

However, the experiment may have been thrown off because

some people in the garlic group knew who they were: Their bad breath gave it away.

This example illustrates some general problems with botanical remedies. Most of their active components are found in plants in trace amounts that can vary a lot. And though you can buy concentrated plant products, they're loosely regulated. You can't always be sure the content, the dosage or the health claims on the label are accurate.

If you think "Even if garlic isn't

the **best**, at least it's natural," I'd argue that statement's pretty meaningless. Cases in point: Salicylic acid (aspirin) made in a lab is chemically identical to the compound found in white willow. Botulin toxin is a "natural," lethal, poison. I'm not a doctor, but I'll tell you what I do for colds: tea, Netflix, over-the-counter fever meds, and if I think it's going to make me happier, garlic bread.

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George Clooney is a rare breed, a one-name film star. Mention "George" and everyone knows who you're talking about.

He's headlined a handful of films dating all the way back to when there was a Clinton in the White House that raked in north of \$100 million. Since leaving the television show *ER* in 1999, he's released two movies a year on average, including this weekend's *Money Monster*, a thriller about the host of a financial advice show held hostage on live TV by an investor who lost everything.

Some of his films have been successful, others not, but it's clear Clooney doesn't aspire to be a blockbuster star. Perhaps it's because George is, as *Time* called him, "the last movie star," that he appears determined to smash what that kind of stardom means. By lending his name to offbeat movies he deconstructs the mechanism of superstardom.

George steers his career toward character driven pieces, often at the expense of giant box office numbers. And while the fabric of his fame may fray around the edges from time to



Clooney as he appears in this year's *Money Monster*. Once described by *Time* as "the last movie star," Clooney has built up an impressive and eclectic resume on the silver screen, writes Richard Crouse. COURTESY ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA

time — he's as susceptible to box office vagaries as anyone — he stays busy, winning Oscars, producing movies like *August: Osage County* and acting as pitchman for everyone from Fiat to Martini vermouth.

"I'm very aware of the fact that if not for a Thursday night time slot on *ER*, I wouldn't have this career," he once said, "so I'm going to push the limits as much as I can."

From kid flicks to period dramas and political satire Clooney has done just that.

Loosely based on a Roald Dahl story, the stop-motion animated *Fantastic Mr. Fox* sees Clooney as a smooth-talking fox that returns to a life of crime after buying a tree house he can't afford. Clooney brings charm, wit and warmth to an unpredictable character, smooth one minute, a wild animal the next.

Clooney also starred in *The Good German*, a tribute to 1940s cinema shot with technology from the golden age of Hollywood — the same lenses, the same atmospheric lighting, the

same rat-a-tat-tat style of dialogue, the same everything. It's a retro-looking film made with twenty-first century creative freedom. Clooney, as an American military journalist covering the Potsdam Conference in post-war Berlin, and co-star Cate Blanchett look like golden age movie stars but behave more like Brat Packers.

Strangest of all is *The Men Who Stare at Goats*, the best movie with the worst name on Clooney's resume. He plays a psychic soldier in this screwball

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Money Monster ★★
A Bigger Splash ★★★★★
Sunset Song ★★★

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satire about the state of modern warfare. It's an absurdist film, filled with memorable images — Clooney staring down a goat, enlisted men doing the Watusi and a montage of Jeff Bridges embarking on a journey of en-

lightenment — where no joke is too broad or too barbed.

George is so artistically eclectic he even disowns one of his biggest hits. "I always apologize for *Batman*!" he says of the ludicrous *Batman & Robin*.

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STYLE

Sassy, understated looks dominate Cannes red carpet



The 2016 Cannes Film Festival is finally here, and it looks like a sassy, slightly undone approach to glamour is going to be on the menu this season.

Here are some of the most glamorous beauty looks from the opening ceremony and photo calls.

Kristen Stewart

Kristen Stewart unveiled a fresh, pretty look that managed to look sweet and rebellious all at the same time.

Created by Lucia Pica, Creative Designer for makeup and color at Chanel, the look focused on perfectly groomed brows, lightly-smudged khol-lined eyes using Chanel's Stylo Yeux Waterproof Noir

Intense, and a girlish pink lip created using Rouge Coco Baume. The actress's choppy peroxide bob and dark roots keep things punky.

Vanessa Paradis and Kirsten Dunst

Vanessa Paradis meanwhile, opted for an enviably French nonchalant approach to her makeup, with casual center-parted hair, a light smoky brown eye and a shimmering coral lip her only concessions to the glamorous event. She posed alongside fellow member of the jury Kirsten Dunst, who looked polished in her post-box red lipstick, teamed with a side swept fringe and light eye makeup.

Blake Lively

Blake Lively forwent the show-stopping chignons and updos she has favoured in the past, rocking a perfectly messy ponytail that sat low, with loose strands pulled out to frame her face and shoulders. A simple makeup look of pink lipstick and false lashes underlined the innocence of the look.

Julianne Moore

One actress sticking firmly to old-school glamour was Julianne Moore, whose auburn locks were blowdried poker straight and glossy. She matched her smoky blue eyeshadow to a bold pink lip, with the look offset by emerald drop earrings. AFP

Clooney vows U.S. will not elect Trump



Julia Roberts and George Clooney attend the Money Monster premiere in Cannes on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

POLITICS

In Cannes, actor says fear won't drive his nation

George Clooney has vowed that Donald Trump will not be elected president, promising that "fear is not going to be something that drives" the United States.

Clooney spoke to reporters Thursday at the Cannes Film Festival where he stars in Jodie Foster's hostage thriller Money Monster. Clooney, a prominent fundraiser for Hillary Clinton, insisted that Trump will not win.

"There's not going to be a President Donald Trump," Clooney said.

"That's not going to happen. Fear is not going to be something that drives our country. We're not going to be scared of Muslims or immigrants or women."

"We're not actually afraid of anything."

Clooney and his wife, human rights lawyer Amal Clooney, last month hosted a pair of events in Los Angeles and San Francisco that raised millions for Clinton.

The actor said that Trump is the product of the collision of news and entertainment depicted in Money Monster.

In it, Clooney plays a Jim

Cramer-like financial guru taken hostage live on the air by a distraught investor (Jack O'Connell). Julia Roberts co-stars as the program's producer.

"Trump is actually a result in many ways of the fact that much of the news programs didn't follow up and ask tough questions," said Clooney.

"Twenty-four-hour news doesn't mean you get more news, it means you get the same news more," he continued.

"More and more and more you hear these guys, their ratings go up because they can show an empty podium saying 'Donald Trump is about to speak,' as opposed to taking those 30 seconds and saying, 'Well, let's talk about refugees,' which is the biggest crisis going on in the world right now."

For the 55-year-old Clooney, television news has been a life-long theme.

His father, Nick Clooney, was a journalist and distinguished local news anchor.

Clooney's second film as a director was 2005's Good Night, and Good Luck, his black-and-white Edward R. Murrow

drama about the halcyon days of television news.

As an actor in Steven Soderbergh's Out of Sight, he also memorably riffed on Network, the Sidney Lumet-Paddy Chayefsky classic of ratings-obsessed broadcast news.

"Money Monster talks about the evolution of what has become the cross between news and entertainment."

"And I think that's been a big problem. Network started it," said Clooney. "Everything that Paddy Chayefsky wrote in 1975 came true."

Money Monster, Foster's fourth film as a director, debuted in Cannes on Thursday ahead of its North American release on Friday.

Critics greeted it with lukewarm reviews, though the film has drawn praise for being a rare commodity: an adult thriller with some meaning.

"This movie is talking about one of the things that I think is a great disaster in the way we inform ourselves right now," said Clooney.

"We've lost the ability to get to and tell the truth and get to the facts."

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New website rails against Hollywood's 'whitewashing'

How would it look if there were more Asian actors playing lead roles in Hollywood blockbusters?

Check out the #StarringJohnCho website and see for yourself.

The website has inserted Cho's image into a number of mainstream movie posters, including Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice, Go Rogue, Mother's Day and The Martian to draw attention to the fact that "whitewashing Asian roles in film abounds."

It notes that it's common practice for white stars to be cast as Asian characters, such as Scarlett Johansson playing Motoko Kusanagi in the dystopian crime story Ghost in the Shell, blonde and blue-eyed Emma Stone as Alison Ng in Aloha, and Jim Sturgess as Jeff Ma in 21.

Cho is best known as the

actor who took on the iconic role of Sulu in the Star Trek reboot, and as one of the titular characters in the Harold & Kumar comedy trilogy.

However, Asian actors in Hollywood generally remain consigned to bit roles, the website argues.

"#StarringJohnCho is a social movement that literally shows you what it would look like if today's Hollywood blockbusters cast an Asian-American actor — specifically, John Cho — as their leading man," it says.

The website argues that it makes economic sense to cast more Asian leads, as diverse casts promise higher box office profits.

"Support #StarringJohnCho by sharing the hashtag and help ignite this necessary conversation," it says.

The site says it was created by 25-year-old digital strategist William Yu, who Photoshopped Cho's face onto a collection of mainstream Hollywood movie posters.

It also carries a disclaimer which states that Cho has no affiliation with it.

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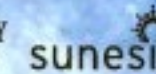
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What, sororities can't throw parties?

INTERVIEW

Seth Rogen on Greeks, geeks and sexism on U.S. campuses

Ned Ehrbar
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Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne's at-wits-end young parents from *Neighbors* thought their college party problems were behind them after triumphing over Zac Efron's fraternity next door, but that was before a sorority moved in. Rogen talks to Metro Canada about the Greek system that solidified the plot, how Zac Efron can make people pity him and the surprisingly dark turn the franchise could take next.

How much were you looking to play with the surprisingly inherent sexism you highlight about the Greek system in this film? It's honestly the thing that made us think it was a good idea in the first place. We were debating whether or not a sorority moving in would be a good or interesting idea, and then Michelle, one of our interns, was like, "Sororities aren't actually allowed to throw parties, so it actually wouldn't be a nightmare to have a sorority move in next door." And we were just like, "What the f—? This is crazy." It was almost one of those things where if you think about it, it's probably the reason for so many problems that are on college campuses, you know? The fact that they can't have parties in their own private, safe home-field environment was just very bizarre to us, really. That kind of rule seems surprisingly old-fashioned.

THRILLOGY

How about 'Neighbors 3'?

Rogen and his cohorts have pulled off the rare feat of a comedy sequel that works as well as the original. So assuming *Sorority Rising* turns out to be a success, certainly he's thought about where the characters could go in a third film, right? Not necessarily. "I mean, I'm not the kind of person who can assume any success has occurred until it has. I wish my brain worked that way" Rogen says.



It was totally crazy. A lot of women who have seen the movie just didn't know. I mean, I'm from Canada where frats and sororities just aren't as big of a thing. But the reaction that you have is I think the reaction that a lot of people have — just like, "What?" (laughs)

You avoid the usual pitfalls of a comedy sequel. What was the strategy for that?

I'm hoping we did that. (laughs) It sounds weird, but we looked a lot at the *Toy Story* movies. They're all about growing up, they're all about kind of letting go of your childhood and they really just explore

the phases of that in a very logical, simple progression. That's really what we started to talk about. OK, it's a movie about growing up, it's a movie about being parents. What is the next logical thing that would happen after the first one? We would have another kid, we would be afraid of our parenting abilities. And for Zac it was, OK you've graduated, now what? You're essentially a guy with no skills out in the world. What would be the next thing that would happen there?

You do some interesting stuff with Zac Efron's character emotionally, which audiences might not have expected.

People are generally pretty sympathetic to stupid people, which is good for our work because we portray them a lot. (laughs) It's really also a testament to Zac and his acting. I brought one of my friends from Vancouver to one of the screenings. He has a very average job and he does not meet a lot of people like Zac Efron and is generally trained to be resentful of people like him. And after the movie he was like, "I felt so bad for him. That is such an amazing thing to accomplish." He was like, "I should not be feeling bad for Zac Efron in any way, shape or form, but the whole movie I just wanted to reach out and hug him. It's so sad."

Does making a comedy with Universal make it easier to write in *Minions* jokes?

Yes, very much so. We generally try to tap into the intellectual property of the studio that we're working with. We thought, if there's ever a chance to put *Minions* in our movies, this is it. We just want to work with those *Minions* now that we have a chance.



Seth Rogen hasn't run short of jokes with *Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising*, an impressive sequel in which Zac Efron is welcomed into Chloe Grace Moretz's riotous group (inset). CONTRIBUTED

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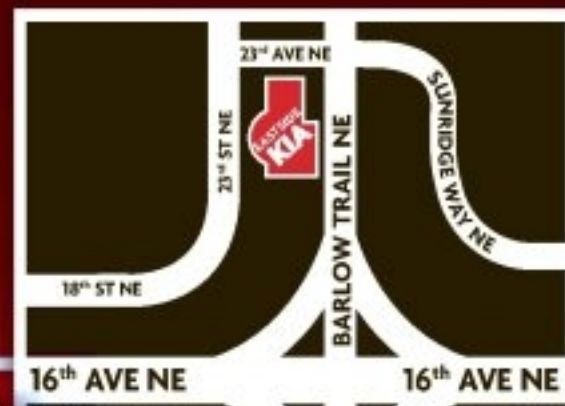
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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN



On a recent Saturday morning, I was led into temptation...twice.

We drove to Valleyview Gardens, a Scarborough plant centre where we planned on picking up a few plants to fill some pots on our deck. Three hundred and fifty dollars later, we left with paradise.

"I need to eat a little something before we start gardening," I told Simon as we stuffed the car with grasses, herbs and succulents, "maybe a pastry and a coffee." We'd passed all sorts of strip mall bakeries

Enter temptation, jealousy, desire, lust — and judging from the trailer, perhaps a crime of passion

— from Chinese to Greek — but Google maps made up our minds after telling us Francesca Bakery was just 10 minutes away.

We came for cannoli. Seventy dollars later, we left with a box of Italian cookies, two pieces of lasagna, a couple of fist-sized rice balls, a muffuletta-looking sandwich layered with salami and cheese, and roasted chicken and potatoes. And no, we didn't forget the cannoli. And yes, that too was paradise.

A paradise of a different sort opens on Friday: *A Bigger Splash* reunites Tilda Swinton with Luca Guadagnino, who directed her in 2009's *I Am Love*: a highly stylized film that left me wanting to touch everything from Swinton's polished wardrobe to a plate of prawns that sends her into

THE MOVIE:
A Bigger Splash



near-ecstasy.

It sounds like *A Bigger Splash*, which premiered at the Venice Film Festival last year, is just as tactile: "I keep joking we should give people sunscreen with their popcorn for this movie," Swinton recently said. "There's a feeling that you're going to this place."

The place is Pantelleria,

THE MEAL:
Italian



an island between Tunisia and Sicily. Swinton plays a rock star who retreats there with her boyfriend, a filmmaker, played by Matthias Schoenaerts, for rest and relaxation after vocal-cord surgery.

But paradise is interrupted when her ex-lover, a record producer played by Ralph Fiennes, shows

up unexpectedly with his daughter (Dakota Johnson) who he just discovered he had, in tow. Enter temptation, jealousy, desire, lust — and judging from the trailer, perhaps a crime of passion.

We interrupted our gardening to eat that sandwich, which was big enough for two. "I really wish you got some chicken parmigiana," Simon said.

"That's not even Italian you know," I said. "It's Italian-American."

"Who cares! It's delicious!" he said. "And you know that the hybrid of two food cultures is still 'authentic' because immigrants, by using what they had available to them in the new world, made it so."

"I was thinking that very thing in Francesca Bakery." Even though the scenic

photos of Sicily hanging on the walls, the bright modern space with metal tables and chairs felt more New Jersey than say, a traditional pasticceria in Palermo, like Bar Costa, where, coincidentally, Francesca Bakery owner Angelo Battaglia got his start as a teenager, it felt just as legitimate.

"Think about all the regional variety in Italy," I continued, "all the ways that outside influences changed their food. Take the Sicilian cannoli: it has Arabic roots."

"It's funny how we think of food culture in Italy as static, even though it's always adapted," he said. "I mean the tomato, which didn't even arrive there until the 1700s, is now synonymous with Italian food."

"I wonder what Chinese Canadians think about their cuisine here?" I thought out loud.

"I don't know. But I think chicken balls have their place," he said. "And so does chicken parm."

Like in paradise.

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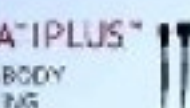
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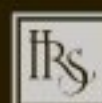
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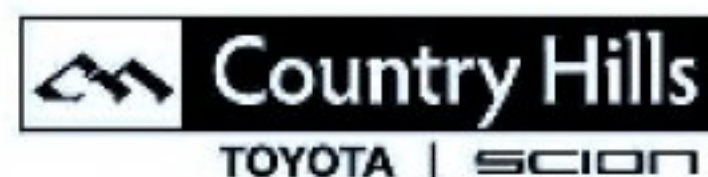


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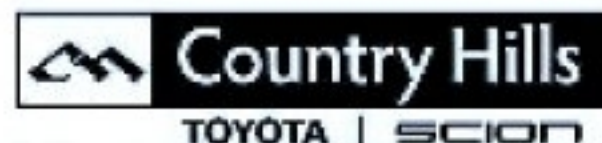
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A Bigger Splash a lusty, lurid thriller

INTERVIEW

'It's great to do peculiar,' says film's director Guadagnino

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



"I like to do peculiar," says *A Bigger Splash* director Luca Guadagnino. "It's great to do peculiar."

The Italian filmmaker is talking about his relationship with Tilda Swinton, star of four of his feature films. In their latest collaboration she plays a rock star recuperating from throat surgery with her boyfriend Paul (Matthias Schoenaerts) on a remote island halfway between Sicily and Tunisia. Their tranquil time, however, is shattered by the arrival of Harry (Ralph Fiennes) her former record producer and lover and his Lolita-esque daughter Penelope (Dakota Johnson). Soon into the visit the sunny Mediterranean days take a dark turn as their shared histories bring up some ghosts from the past.

In the new film Guadagnino throws a peculiar twist Swinton's way by making her character largely mute, forcing her to rely solely on her face and eyes to complete the character.

"We are very dear friends," he says of Swinton. "We love one another completely. The pleasure of one another's company is so strong, so unstoppable. Also Tilda is such a courageous performer. That combination makes everyday



Mediterranean days turn dark once Tilda Swinton, Dakota Johnson, Matthias Schoenaerts and Ralph Fiennes get together in *A Bigger Splash*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

an adventure, new and funny and tough and great. Also, I think what we do together is very peculiar."

Swinton is spectacular but *A Bigger Splash* is worth the price of admission just to see Ralph Fiennes, Lord Voldemort himself, strut his stuff to disco era Rolling Stones.

"I am a big fan of Ralph Fiennes," says Guadagnino. "I have been loving him since I saw him in *Schindler's List*. I saw him in the trailer for the *Grand Budapest Hotel* and I found this kind of levity that made me think he'd be

perfect for Harry."

In one long scene Fiennes unleashes some of the wildest dance moves since Elaine Benes in what must be his loosest on-screen performance ever.

"Everything started with the brilliant script by David Kajganich and the description of how this man loses himself to the dance," says the direc-

tor. "Starting from there Ralph proposed to me to work with a choreographer from London. We met her and decided it was good for her to let Ralph find something wild within him. Let him be loose with his own body and have confidence with his own movements. I described the world the choreographer and Ralph went into as psycho-

analytical choreography. It was about unleashing and having the confidence to unleash. It wasn't choreography that was staged gesture by gesture. It was about creating that flow."

A Bigger Splash is a romp — a lusty and lurid thriller with worldly people, drugs, drinking and some startling nudity.

The film's nakedness, Guadagnino says, "is about being truthful to the story you are telling and the characters you are depicting. We are talking about four people on an island entangled in the web of desire. People who come

from rock and roll, people who come from a sort of elite world, people who are completely liberated in their own skin even though they are completely chained by their passion. They are people who get naked. For me it is not a contrivance. It is the answer to the question, What would they wear in a place like that, doing things the way they do?"

Next time around, however, don't expect as much skin. "I can't wait to make a Victorian movie with people dressed all the way up to their necks," he laughs.

I'm a big fan of Ralph Fiennes. I have been loving him since I saw him in *Schindler's List*.

Director Luca Guadagnino, on his leading man

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

Calvin Klein ads spark media firestorm

The fashion photographer behind Calvin Klein's racy new ad campaign isn't bothered by the social media firestorm it has sparked.

London-based photographer Harley Weir says she's "really happy" with the response.

The brand has posted several of Weir's photos on Instagram and Twitter this week. The most-talked-about shot is an upskirt photo of model Klara Kristin with the tagline, "I flash in #mycalvins."

While many commenters on social media say they're offended by the campaign, others say it's simply risqué.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Woody Allen won't read son's damning essay

Woody Allen says he doesn't read anything written about him, even if it's by his own son.

Allen said Thursday that he will not read his son Ronan Farrow's essay that resurrects Dylan Farrow's allegations that Allen molested her. The Hollywood Reporter published Ronan Farrow's piece just as Allen was premiering his new movie, *Cafe Society*, at the Cannes Film Festival in France.

The 80-year-old filmmaker told *Vanity Fair* that he has long refused to read press about himself or his films and included his son's essay among such content. Allen also declined to address Farrow's charges, saying he has "said everything I have to say about it."

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Def Leppard visits school for the deaf

Def Leppard? Meet the deaf Leopards. The British rockers behind a string of hits in the 1980s and '90s including Pour Some Sugar on Me met Wednesday before their show near Little Rock with students from the Arkansas School for the Deaf. The school mascot? The Leopards, of course.

The group posed for photos holding a replica of the school's scoreboard and in front of a banner with the band's name. The meeting came about after an online petition drew nearly 1,500 signatures in support. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Female directors still missing out

ANALYSIS

Jodie Foster says risk averse Hollywood to blame for gap

Jodie Foster, one of only two female directors helming a major studio wide-release this summer, says Hollywood's risk aversion is contributing to its overwhelming male directors.

Foster spoke Thursday at a Women in Motion talk at the Cannes Film Festival before the premiere of her hostage thriller *Money Monster*.

She said the industry is "scared, period" and that fearfulness has led to executives choosing familiar, male faces: "You're going to go with the guy that looks like you."

But the two-time Oscar winner, who began as a child actor, said she's seen "faces change" through the years as more and more women began populating film sets.

When women joined productions, Foster said, "everything changed."

"Suddenly it felt more like a family, and movie sets became healthier."

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AWARDS

Playboy fetes Playmate of the Year

Playboy, adult entertainment's most iconic publication since Marilyn Monroe appeared as its inaugural centerfold in 1953, on Wednesday named its first Playmate of the Year since doing away with full nudity.

Eugena Washington, a model and actress from Palmdale, California, was unveiled at the opulent Playboy Mansion in Beverly Hills, posing for the world's media in front of her prize — a Fiat 124 Spider sports car.

The 31-year-old, who also gets \$100,000 to spend, is featured on the cover of the June issue — the fourth since it eradicated full-frontal nudity from its pages. "It's a great time for this. The world is changing. I hope this brings different eyes to the magazine and new audiences," Washington said.

Washington, who first appeared in *Playboy* as the magazine's December 2015 Playmate of the Month, is only the third black model among 57 to be named Playmate of the Year.

"This is a story and a chapter



Jodie Foster is one of only two women directing a major studio release this summer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Eugene Washington. AFP

in my life to build around. I'm enjoying the ride, and right now I'm doing whatever I want to do, day by day," she said.

Washington's career began in 2006 when she appeared

on Tyra Banks' *America's Next Top Model*, finishing in the top three, and she has since played a recurring part on daytime soap opera *The Bold and the Beautiful* and appeared in rom-com *The Perfect Match*, released in March.

Playboy Enterprises, the company which owns the magazine, announced in March it had hired an investment adviser to look at offering itself for a possible buyout. The sale is expected to be worth a potential \$500 million while the iconic Playboy Mansion, put on the market earlier this year, could fetch some \$200 million.

The magazine has been pursuing a new image in an age of easy access to online pornography, and has already toned down in order to be allowed on platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Its circulation peaked in 1972 at seven million, but stands at around 800,000 now, editorial director Jason Burhmaster said.

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What a vision: Tiffs, tiaras and a wolf

EUROVISION SONG CONTEST

The songs are just a sideshow as Europe gets ready to party

Who will be the next winner of the Eurovision Song Contest set for May 14 in Stockholm? Out of 42 contenders, 26

countries will compete in the Eurovision 2016 final at the Globe Arena in the Swedish capital on Saturday night.

The host nation and 25 other countries, including the "big five" — France, Germany, Spain, Italy and the United Kingdom — are some of the largest financial supporters of the European Broadcasting Union-TV, which produces the contest. Here is a look at some

of the most interesting acts:

Duel between Russia and Ukraine

Bookmakers are closely watching the Russian-Ukrainian duel between Sergei Lazarev, who will sing You Are The Only One, and Ukraine's Jamala, who will sing 1944, a song inspired by her great-grandmother's stories. Jamala's song recounts the deportation of

the Crimean Tatars by Soviet strongman Joseph Stalin. Political leaders in Moscow and Crimea protested against this song choice for, they say, bashing Russia for its annexation of Crimea in March 2014.

The Voice, a Frenchman French-Israeli performer Amir Haddad (seen right) has also been given favourable odds for his song J'ai

Cherché (I Searched).

With a range and tone often compared with Enrique Iglesias, Amir was a 2014 finalist in the French version of The Voice, the on-screen singing competition that has become a reality TV smash hit

across the globe. Amir, 31, could become the first French performer to win the Eurovision contest since 1977.

Dances with wolves

Belarusian competitor Ivan, tall and thin with long blond hair, was forced to put his clothes on after rehearsing naked while flanked by a wolf named Shakira. Eurovision, which prohibits the presence of animals on stage and requires contestants to be clothed, has forbidden him from appearing naked. Ivan has agreed to always wear his clothes and to use a holographic image instead of a real wolf.

Singing from Down Under

Australia will participate as a special guest for the second year running. Competitor Dami Im was

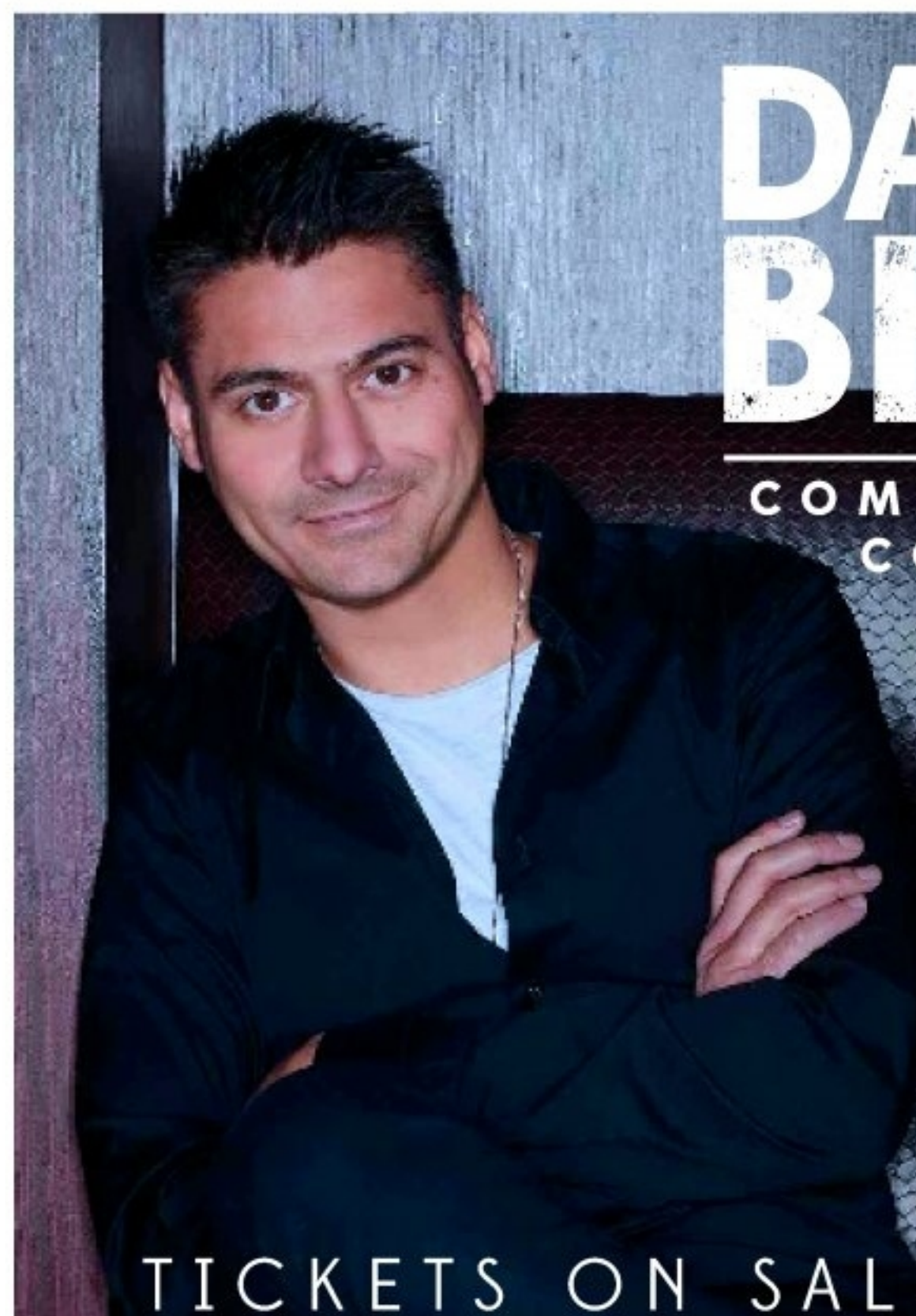
born in South Korea, and moved to Brisbane, Australia with her family when she was just nine. A classically trained pianist, she learned how to speak English by listening to pop songs.

Dami entered the spotlight in 2013, when she took the Australia X-Factor crown. Her astonishing voice and transformation into a fully-fledged pop performer, which, has won the hearts of the Australian public, now gets ready to hit Europe.

Tiara and lace

Set to appear in a lace gown and a floral tiara, 19-year-old Austrian Zoe Straub (seen below) is a former student at the French school in Vienna, who will be singing Loin d'ici (Far From Here), in French. Her song choice should delight Andre Valini, France's minister of Francophonie, who protested against Amir Haddad's decision to sing a small part of his song in English.





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Sergei Lazarev's song You Are The Only One will be Russia's entry, taking on Ukraine at the Eurovision Song Contest in Stockholm on Saturday night. JONATHAN NACKSTRAND/AFP



Carly Rae Jepsen's 2015 album *Emotion* might not have set any sales records, but it has established the Vancouver singer as the cool kids' favourite pop singer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Carly Rae Jepsen talks tour, next album plans

INTERVIEW

Pop musician 'hungry' to put out something new for fans

Pop sweetheart Carly Rae Jepsen has been through the ringers over the past year, but you wouldn't know it from talking to her.

The Vancouver-raised singer sounds upbeat and optimistic as she embarks on the final leg of an extensive 28-date cross-country tour with Hedley to promote her recent album *Emotion*.

Last year, the singer was facing the harshest criticism of her career as Emotion stumbled on the charts and ultimately sold far less than her breakout success Kiss, which was buoyed by the massive hit Call Me Maybe.

Over the past few months a somewhat different tale began to emerge as several critics championed the album as one of the best of 2015 and some of her fans launched a campaign to give its release a second wind.

Jepsen plays shows in Dawson Creek, B.C., Calgary and Edmonton this week before rolling into Prince George, Ke-

lowna, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. next week.

She talked to The Canadian Press about the tour and what she's thinking about next.

Your Canadian tour has been incredibly extensive and you've done it at a breakneck pace. Have there been any standout memories?

The bonding moments with my bandmates have been getting to show some of our U.S. troopers — the ones who aren't from Canada — different parts of the country. We came from Fukuoka, (Japan) and started in St. John's, N.L. and that was such a strange reality check of how different the world is in different places. We've been enjoying barbecues in good weather. In cold weather we dance-party on the bus together.

How about memories on the stage?

There's a moment for a song called I Didn't Just Come Here to Dance where if I see someone dancing in a really extreme way I'll pull them on stage. There was a kid (a few) nights ago who jumped on stage with us.

You wouldn't have expected it because he seemed so shy, but the moment he

got the spotlight on him, he just tore it up. It was fantastic.

Some of your fans recently launched "Justice for Emotion," a social media campaign drawing attention to a lack of nominations at major awards shows. It's rare to see fans get behind an album in such a way. What was it like to see that?

My friend Brandon (showed) me an invite (to a party) being thrown in Toronto and it's a bunch of friends getting together just to play the whole album and party to it. That sort of thing means something to me. It gives me a lot of pride that people are connecting to something I feel so strongly about.

I'm going to put the pressure on you — the tour's wrapping up and summer might offer you more free time. Could a new album be in the works?

It's no pressure I don't feel myself, but happy (to have it). (Touring is) a really great time on the road because you're ... in the back of the bus with a guitar. I do find (it's) a really perfect time because of the fact there is no immediate deadlines for an album. You don't have to put anything out until you want

to ... but I am hungry to put something out soon because the ideas are flowing.

You've said you have dozens of songs tucked away from the creation of Emotion. It seems like you could have another album right now. In the process of making this album there were so many songs I would've loved to share but there just purely wasn't room. I actually called Jonathan (Simkin, co-founder of her label 604 Records) and was like, 'Can I have a 42-song deluxe (album) after being gone for three years? Is that really weird?' Ideas have been percolating for a while on how to shed light on these songs in the future.

Other than writing how are you spending your down-time?

I'm watching *Downton Abbey*. I'm late in life (to) catching up on that. I'm also (a fan of) *Pride and Prejudice*. Any sort of period-piece romance. I'm surrounded by boys right now so my way of getting out of all the 'band talk' is to go to *Downton Abbey* and feel like I can wear pearls for a minute.

This interview has been edited and condensed. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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The 'secret' baby of Ryan Gosling



Eva Mendes and Ryan Gosling welcomed their second child, a girl named Amada Lee Gosling, on April 29, in Santa Monica, California. GETTY IMAGES

ANALYSIS

Tabloids seem shocked Mendes 'hid' her pregnancy

Around the world, headlines are heralding the arrival of a "top secret" baby. TMZ, which obtained and published the birth certificate for little Amada Lee Gosling weeks after she was born, is declaring this the "biggest cover-up in Hollywood baby history." Mendes gave birth, it seems, barely more than two weeks after the world discovered she was pregnant with the couple's second child.

Eventually, almost every article gets around to mentioning how "intensely private" Gosling and Mendes are, as if avoiding media coverage requires the soaked-brow determination of Dwayne Wade hurtling to the hoop.

Is it really so extraordinary

to not publicize a pregnancy? Given that the unfortunately unfamous among us can be reticent to discuss this stuff with even our closest friends, why is everyone so stunned that neither Gosling nor Mendes chose TMZ as a confidante?

Mendes, whose first pregnancy similarly eluded tabloid notice for a few months, "just hasn't ever wanted anyone beyond her close friends and family knowing more than they had to," People reported.

Such nerve!

The fact that tabloids are regarding this feat of basic privacy with such awe and respect makes you wonder what the usual protocol is for celebrity baby news. Are sonogram stylists enlisted? Perhaps hospital visits are limited to close relatives and publicist-approved paparazzi?

Aside from some creative costuming on Mendes' part during the pregnancy, how much effort was really required for this grand prenatal swindle?

After all, Beyoncé managed to keep her last two albums a secret and way more people

worked on those.

It's not as though Gosling, 35, and the 42-year-old Mendes — whose names, thankfully, don't aggregate into a catchy amalgam — are hermits.

The whole family went out for lunch on Mother's Day, with Mendes grinning what TMZ later called a "fooled ya smile."

Later, Gosling waved at fans and spun anecdotes about his other kid, Esmeralda Amada, on Jimmy Kimmel Live!

And that's the thing: Gosling has been uncharacteristically open about his burgeoning family.

In December, he sat with Hello! Magazine and discussed Esmeralda's first conscious Christmas, his mother's tiring obsession with the Hanson holiday album and his love of Mendes.

"I know that I'm with the person I'm supposed to be with."

"It sounds so clichéd, but I never knew that life could be this fun and this great," he told People recently.

It's hard not to be happy for the couple. Certainly, their life sounds like a picture of domestic bliss — even if cameras weren't always around to frame it. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Dunham is mourning the death of actor Nick Lashaway, who appeared in an episode of Dunham's, *Girls*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRAGEDY

Dunham mourns death of *Girls* actor

Lena Dunham is mourning the death of actor Nick Lashaway, who appeared in an episode of Dunham's, *Girls*.

The MetroWest Daily News in Massachusetts reports the 28-year-old Lashaway was killed in a car accident in Framingham on Sunday evening.

In an Instagram post Wednesday that features a shot of

Dunham and Lashaway from a season two episode of the HBO comedy, Dunham calls Lashaway "a talented, funny and kind person" and says she'll remember "his playful smile" and "easy instincts."

Aside from *Girls*, Lashaway starred as a young Fox Mulder in a 1998 episode of *The X-Files*.

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Chris Evans just got cool

ROMANCE

Captain America is dating comic Jenny Slate

An actor-writer-producer and an actor-writer-director start dating in Hollywood. No big deal. Except one of them is Captain America.

US Weekly's breathless announcement "She's Team Cap!" revealed that Jenny Slate and Chris Evans are official at it, their fledgling relationship immediately put under the microscope of gossip sites, celebrity journalists and social media.

"They're prefect," gushed Elle magazine in a Tweet.

While Slate doesn't have Evans' profile, there's much to generate hope that this could be the perfect match for both of them. They're both 34, both hail from Boston and they share strong chemistry as well as rapier wits.

As Evans put it, according to US Weekly, "Oddly enough, I've only known Jenny for a few months, which is insane to say because we're like the same animal."

Evans, who has previously dated Jessica Biel, Christina Ricci and Minka Kelly, met Slate while they were shooting the family drama *Gifted* in Savannah, Ga. Slate has recently split from husband and collaborator Dean Fleischer-Camp.

Salon.com's Mary Elizabeth Williams wondered what all the fuss was about. "Should it really come as any surprise that a successful, smart, objectively good-looking woman could find romance with a successful, smart, objectively good-looking man?"

Truth is, Evans is a huge star and acknowledged among his fans to be a total smoke-show.

And while Slate is a bright, talented and funny, her career trajectory doesn't match his.



Chris Evans (inset) says of Jenny Slate: "I've only known Jenny for a few months, which is insane to say because we're like the same animal." GETTY IMAGES

Which is not to say that is a permanent status.

The former *Saturday Night Live* cast member broke through with writer-director Gillian Robespierre's *Obvious Child* in 2014, which she both starred in and produced.

Slate played a stand-up comic dealing with an unplanned pregnancy in the dramatic comedy, which was seen as controversial in some circles and earned solid reviews.

She told the *Star's* Bruce

DeMara in 2014: "It's a bummer that a movie that is so thoughtful and kind of everyday about a woman's right to choose — and that this one woman chooses an abortion — that that is groundbreaking, it makes me sad."

As for Evans, his resume extends beyond *The Avengers* and *Steve Rogers*.

He wrote, directed and starred in romance *Before We Go*, which premiered at TIFF in 2014 and was impressive in Joon-ho Bong's futuristic sci-

fi social commentary *Snowpiercer*. In Ariel Vromen's *The Iceman*, a long, greasy wig and oversized glasses rendered Evans unrecognizable as an ice cream truck-driving murderer who teams up for mob hits with real-life killer Richard Kuklinski (Michael Shannon).

As BuzzFeed feature writer Anne Helen Petersen noted on Twitter: "Dating Jenny Slate makes Chris Evans infinitely more interesting."

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Planting a garden to Bee the change

BOOK

Apartment or condo living doesn't mean you can't help

Just as citizens created victory gardens for food during the world wars, we need to plant pollen- and nectar-rich gardens

to save the bees. That's the message Lori Weidenhammer lays out in *Victory Gardens for Bees*. Weidenhammer, a bee expert and garden educator in Vancouver, spoke recently about the bee-benefits of lavender, goldenrod and rotting stumps.

How much is the bee population declining? What are the causes?

There are two sides to the

crisis. The honeybees, introduced by Europeans, are suffering from Colony Collapse Disorder (the loss of hives due to pesticides, mites and other causes). There are also 800 species of native bees in Canada and they're fantastic pollinators but have undergone a huge population crash. Some bumblebees common 20 years ago are almost extinct. The main

problem is habitat loss. Both honeybees and native bees need millions of flowers. But they need the right kind, which is why I wrote the book. It's sort of a Canada Food Guide for Bees. Native bees need nesting habitat and a lot of rural land has been developed. Pesticides are also a huge problem, especially neonicotines. And global warming is implicated.

Why should we be troubled?

We all eat. About one out of every three mouthfuls of food has been pollinated by bees. A lot of the colourful, healthy foods are bee-pollinated.

A garden to lure bees may be a hard sell. People are afraid of getting stung.

Honeybees and bumblebees sting. People need to learn some safety tips. Most bees, however, don't sting. A bee garden is going to attract more bees that don't sting than do. Most people get stung by wasps and blame bees.

What makes a good bee plant?

One that has both nectar and pollen. Bees and flowers evolved together, so it depends on the type of bee. For instance, a long-tongued bumblebee needs a flower with a long nectary, such as scarlet bee balm, so the tongue can go down to sip the nectar. The most common colours attractive to bees are blue, purple and yellow. A lot of white flowers have purple spots that are nectar guides.

Examples of ideal plants?

Lavender, rosemary, thyme — herbs with scent — are like magnets drawing bees into the garden. Lavender has essential oils that help protect bees against mites. Sunflowers are like a buffet for bees, with many feed-

ing together. Roses — not the tight tea roses but the blousy dog roses and wild roses — are awesome. The scent draws them in and they swim in the copious amounts of nectar and pollen.

For a small yard or balcony, what plants welcome bees?

Try three pots of different types of lavender that bloom at different times. Oregano is also one of the best because it's long blooming and has tons of nectar. If you can go vertical, I'm a huge fan of scarlet runner beans, one of the few beans that feed bees. You can grow kale and leave some to bloom for the bees.

Which weeds should people keep?

Dandelions, little daisies in the lawn, anything bees visit that you can live with. Goldenrod is one of the best because it blooms late, as do asters.

How can people create housing for bees?

About 30 per cent of native bees nest in cavities. Leave a rotting wood stump or drill different sized holes in a log. Seventy per cent of native bees nest in the ground, so leave some of the soil bare for them to nest in.

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Lori Weidenhammer, author of *Victory Gardens for Bees*, says even a city balcony can help the bee population. HANDOUT

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NEW RELEASE

What will, and won't, grow in your DIY urban garden

The Victoria Day long weekend marks the start of gardening season for many, and for those on a budget, it's a chance to plant vegetable seeds or plants that can help with grocery bills for years to come.

Gardening/weather expert Frank Ferragine, a.k.a. Frankie Flowers of Breakfast Television Toronto, says his No. 1 recommendation for veggies that will produce a big bounty for a good price is the tomato.

"The best one to do for that is called the Early Girl and I would recommend the Early Girl bush variety, so then it won't take up a lot of space," he says.

"Then swiss chard. It's super cheap, easy to grow from seed or you can buy it as a plant; every time you cut it, it's going to sprout back again, so you don't have to do multiple plantings."

Ferragine provides a wealth of gardening advice in his new book, *Food to Grow: A simple, no-fail guide to growing your own vegetables, fruits and herbs*.

His other budget-friendly veggie recommendations include kale, which can be harvested well into December and sweetens in flavour as it gets colder.

"The side shoots are really easy to harvest and you can do long durations of harvest," he says.

"Word of warning is, after it gets real cold and if we go through a warm spell, there's nothing worse than the smell of rotting kale. So if it's at the front entrance of your home ... you just pull it."

"Those are an early crop, so you can even group those together," says Ferragine.

"Even if you don't have a lot of space — and let's say you have a perennial garden — you could sow some spinach and radishes in a perennial garden and then harvest them before the perennials grow into that space."

He also recommends herbs, which provide multiple harvests.

Parsley in particular is easy



Frank Ferragine, a.k.a. Frankie Flowers of Breakfast Television Toronto is the author of the new book *Food to Grow: A simple, no-fail guide to growing your own vegetables, fruits and herbs*. SHANNON ROSS/ HARPERCOLLINS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

to grow and can be used for many dishes like tabbouleh.

"The number one failure is that people put them in too small of a pot," says Ferragine.

For apartment and condo dwellers, he recommends grouping four or five herbs used most often into at least a 10-inch pot with ample drainage.

"The number one thing is the sun," he says. "The more sun you have, the better it's going to be."

Spinach, lettuces, tomatoes, peppers, bush beans and scarlet runner beans are also great for balconies.

As for cauliflower, which soared in price a few months ago, it's not difficult to grow but it does take up space and

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requires summer maintenance.

"In order for the cauliflower to remain white, you have to take the leaves, bunch them together and tie them with an elastic and that's what keeps them white," he says.

The one item he doesn't recommend growing in a city is corn, which restricts

light, attracts raccoons and is often locally grown and readily available at an affordable cost anyway.

Ferragine says the key is taking the time to figure out: "What do I eat and what do I eat a lot of?" Then it's drafting a plan with the hard-fixed costs.

"A lot of people want to save their own money by growing a vegetable garden and you can, but I say it's kind of like an RRSP where it's kind of a long-haul," he says.

"So the first year when you go and you build that garden, there's going to be some up-front costs.... The second and third year is where you really start saving money."

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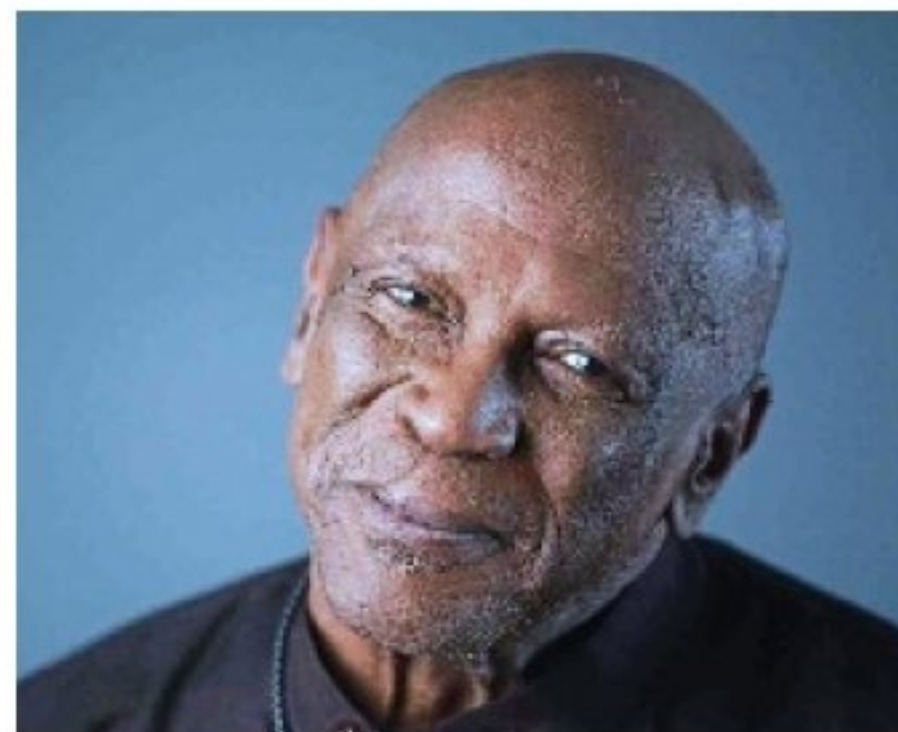


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Stars of the original 1977 production of *Roots*, Leslie Uggams, Ben Vereen and Louis Gossett Jr. have all endorsed the new version of the seminal miniseries. AMY SUSSMAN/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roots that still run deep, 40 years on

INTERVIEW

Casting light on the legend of a miniseries that grew and grew

ABC bosses weren't sure anyone would watch.

Their ambitious miniseries *Roots* was an eight-part epic based on Alex Haley's best-seller that told the saga of his family tree, beginning with Kunta Kinte, a West African teen captured by slave raiders then shipped to America in the mid-1700s, and continuing through the Civil War.

Suffering cold feet, ABC decided to get it over with on consecutive nights in January 1977, where, if no one tuned in, it would do the least harm to the network's ratings.

But as everyone knows,

Roots exploded as a TV and social phenomenon, averaging 80 million viewers each night and opening the eyes of millions to a painful swath of history too often overlooked or forgotten.

In time for its 40th anniversary next year, *Roots: The Complete Original Series* is being re-released June 7 on Blu-ray by Warner Bros. Home Entertainment, and, starting Monday, can be purchased for high-def download from online retail sites.

On the eve of this re-mastered release (and a four-part remake premiering May 30 on the History channel), a trio of stars from the original *Roots* gathered this week to look back. Here, edited for length, is their conversation:

"On the set," recalled Leslie Uggams, 72, who played Kunta Kinte's daughter Kizzy, "there was an energy that I had never

experienced before. It was like magic."

"For me, being on the set was almost sacred," echoed Ben Vereen, 69, who played Kizzy's son, Chicken George.

"We knew the story. We'd always told the story," said 79-year-old Louis Gossett Jr., who played Fiddler. "But to have it on worldwide television was special."

"I watched it on television like everybody else," said Vereen. But he didn't grasp its impact until arriving at an American Music Awards event where fellow presenter Merv Griffin congratulated him.

"I didn't know what he was talking about, and the curtain opened and there was a standing ovation, and I was clapping for Merv, who said, 'No, that's for YOU, Chicken George!'"

"I was in Las Vegas working in a musical," said Uggams, "and I get a phone call from

Ann-Margret: 'Leslie, we had to change the time for my show. Everybody was staying in.' Room service?! You couldn't get room service, because everybody was watching *Roots*!"

All had to take part in some horrific scenes. Gossett recalled co-star and pal Vic Morrow feeling obliged to apologize for the scene where, as the

plantation's slave master, he orders Kunta Kinte to be savagely whipped.

"It wiped you out," agreed Vereen.

He also cited the cockfighting scene where he's told that if his chicken wins, he would be set free: "My whole life depended on that chicken winning that fight. And he died! And I picked up that chicken and said, 'At least YOU'RE free.'"

"I would have been eating chicken ever since," cracked Gossett.

The point of dramatizing the cruelty and hardships suffered by blacks isn't to stir up rage at these injustices, said Gossett, but to shed light on this chapter of the black experience in the spirit of reaching an opposite response.

"We have to throw away the resentments and the anger," he said. "I think the word is for-

giveness. Those lessons become an integral part of the diversity of this country and the world, and it's desperately needed."

"That's the great thing that happened with *Roots*," said Uggams. "It opened up the dialogue. I had people coming up to me and saying, 'Oh my God! We didn't KNOW!'"

"Not to separate, but to humanize," said Vereen, who likened black slavery to the holocaust in Nazi Germany. "All people have gone through some sort of holocaust."

With that in mind, they all endorsed the new version of *Roots*.

"This is another generation it's speaking to," said Vereen, "and if they like it, they'll go back and watch the original. We need to continue this dialogue."

"And not run from it," said Uggams.

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THE NUMBERS

Half of all homes tuned in
Roots was watched by almost 140 million people in total. That figure represents more than half of the U.S. 1977 population of 221 million — the largest viewership ever attracted by any type of television series in U.S. history. It received 37 Emmy Award nominations and won nine.

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"Relax, it's Qualicum!" I heard this many times during my visit to this small Vancouver Island community, whose population of 8,900 swells to 16,000 in the summer.

They boast the dubious honour of having the highest median age of any city in Canada. But if you think that means this is a sleepy tea-room filled community, think again.

"If you're bored in Qualicum Beach it's your own fault," one of the residents said to me, as I attended one of many concerts held at the Old School House Arts Centre. I would return to the Arts Centre the next day to take a water colour painting class (which confirmed my career as a writer), one of a virtual plethora of programs and exhibits offered on an ever changing basis.

Qualicum life is exemplified at the Courtyard Café. Meryl and Peter Tryon run this community-minded restaurant, and their specialty crepes have both locals and visitors visiting often.

After filling up on a Crepe Benny, I headed to the Farmers



Qualicum Beach offers a number of ways to unwind; from watching the ocean tides from the Qualicum Beach Inn, to exploring the 50-acre Heritage Forest and the Saturday Farmers Market. PHOTOS BY KATHY BUCKWORTH



Market (Saturdays only) which sees 70 per cent of the market stalls occupied by farmers and local food makers who are required to be there themselves, a "meet your maker" approach which is extremely successful. The other booths are filled with local crafters.

It's B.C., so seafood? Of course. The CView Restaurant in the Qualicum Beach Inn has an extensive menu, which is best enjoyed on their cozy fire-pit laden patio.

Take a drive down the highway a bit to Parksville and visit the Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa & Resort, as well known for its spa as it is their changing local cuisine.

While much of the full time population may be in their retirement years, Qualicum Beach and its neighbour Parksville are full of visiting young families and couples from Victoria (just a two hour drive away), or from the Lower Mainland, via ferry.

Families often opt to stay at the Beach Club Resort & Inn, for its convenient suites, complete with full kitchens and well-traversed boardwalk on the ocean. Kite surfers and kite flyers fill the seascape.

I finished my visit with a hike through the 50-acre Heritage Forest where 200-year-old Douglas Firs rise up to 700 feet in the air.

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Alaska tops best airlines list

Alaska Airlines and JetBlue Airways still rank highest in the annual J.D. Power survey of passengers on the nine largest North American airlines. J.D. Power said Wednesday that Alaska Airlines ranked highest among traditional airlines for the ninth straight year and JetBlue was the top-rated low-cost carrier for the 11th year in a row. Air Canada ranked fourth, and WestJet finished third among low-cost carriers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Valravn debuts at Cedar Point

Cedar Point, in Sandusky, Ohio, is home to the new roller coaster that opened to the public Saturday. The ride, called Valravn, gives riders a sweeping view of Lake Erie before dropping them over 200 feet on a 90-degree free fall that hits a top speed of 75 mph. It also turns riders upside down three times. The roller coaster has already broken records as the world's tallest, fastest and longest dive coaster. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



TheValravn THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Climbers reach summit

Nine Nepalis reached the top of Mount Everest on Wednesday, the first group of climbers to summit the world's highest mountain in three years after deadly disasters forced a shutdown. The team reached the summit at 5:02pm (1117 GMT) while fixing ropes for foreign climbers, who will try later this week to ascend the mountain, hit by tragedy in 2014 and 2015. Hundreds of climbers abandoned the mountain last year after an earthquake-triggered avalanche killed 18 people at Everest base camp. AFP



Mount Everest AFP

HISTORY

Ship Hector recounts voyage of N.S.'s first Scottish wave

Standing in the bowels of the Ship Hector, it's hard to believe that nearly 200 people crammed into the rows of bunks for a trying 11-week voyage from Scotland to Nova Scotia more than two centuries ago.

An exact replica of the 37-metre wood vessel is berthed in Pictou, N.S. — a floating museum that recounts the journey of the 189 men, women and children who left Scotland in 1773 in search of a new life. The excursion would prompt a wave of Scottish immigration to Nova Scotia that helped shape North America.

"This is our Mayflower. This is as important to us as the Mayflower is to the United States," said John Meir, vice-chairman of the Hector Quay Society. "It set off a huge wave of immigration and Pictou became one of the centres of immigration for North America."

After several years of construction using the original designs, traditional building methods and mostly the same materials, the replica Ship Hector was launched in 2000.



Ship Hector is shown berthed in Pictou, N.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The colourful vessel floating in Pictou Harbour is part of Hector Heritage Quay, which includes a three-storey interpretive centre as well as brightly painted outbuildings that house blacksmith, carpentry and rigging shops.

In the main lobby of the interpretive centre, dozens of tartan banners bearing the family names of Ship Hector passengers — Innes, Sutherland and MacKay, to name a few — hang from the wood-panelled walls.

The faint sound of bagpipes can be heard as large wall displays and exhibitions recount the history of the Hector, beginning with the Battle of Culloden in 1746. "The British wanted to drive out the clans from Scotland," said Meir in a charming English accent, explaining that the British handily won that battle and eventually ended up forbidding Scots to wear kilts or play bagpipes.

"Their way of life was basically destroyed by the British."

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5 THINGS TO SEE ALONG DENVER'S BRIGHTON BOULEVARD

A busy street connecting downtown Denver to the interstate, roaring with trucks and running alongside railroad tracks, might not sound like a trendy neighbourhood in the making. But now's the time to visit Brighton Boulevard before it begins to look too much like any hipster street in any other city.

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1 Cowboys and rodeos

A mural depicting farm animals and dancing cowboys just off Brighton Boulevard is easy for drivers to miss. Its delicate greens and oranges, on jewel-like tiles on a concrete wall, are almost invisible in the shadow of Interstate 70. From the mural, it's a short walk to the National Western Complex, which hosts rodeos, martial arts tournaments, alpaca exhibits, classic car auctions and concerts throughout the year.



2 Museum

Toward downtown is the Forney Museum of Transportation, a nostalgic stop for its classic inventory. The cavernous hall sitting along railroad tracks displays a nail-polish red 1936 Morgan racer and other vintage cars, motorcycles, bicycles, planes and boats, including a Martin AirCar designed for land, sea and air travel.



3 Food

The Source, a European-style food market in what was once a brick foundry at 33rd and Brighton, includes eateries like Comida, where winter squash pancakes, bacon jalapeno griddled tacos and a long list of cocktails are on the menu. Three blocks away, the Will Call tavern serves drinks, burgers and empanadas.



4 Arts

The trendy restaurants, tech and public relations tenants are just some of the signs of gentrification to hit this neighbourhood dotted with manufacturers. Also new: entertainment that's not a rodeo. The Denver Center for the Performing Arts has ventured out of its downtown theatre for an immersive, interactive performance project called Sweet and Lucky.



5 Activities

Other indicators of change include recreational marijuana shops and artists moving into warehouses. Galleries and ateliers for dressmakers and artisans working in wood and metal have also popped up. Another warehouse nearby houses Denver's Great Room Escape, an experience where participants pay to enter a room and use clues and riddles to get out.



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"Every single one of these organizations and individuals has made a significant contribution to Alberta's ability to balance growth and resource development with preserving our environment. That's quite something," says Carmen Boyko, executive director at Alberta Emerald Foundation. "This year, we have 32 finalists, 12 of which will be announced as recipients."

The Emerald Awards is the only award program of its kind in Canada to showcase environmental excellence in all sizes and across all sectors — from community leaders and start-ups to international oil and gas producers.

The Emerald Awards applaud dozens of environmental leaders and showcase projects that demonstrate environmental excellence, setting example for everyone across the province.

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Clean, renewable-energy solutions

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"As a social venture committed to advancing renewable energy in Alberta and across Canada, it is gratifying to know that the work we are doing is being recognized," says Gary Fredrich-Dunne, the sales and marketing manager at Bullfrog Power. "The more people who are aware of, and choose to support renewable energy with Bullfrog Power, the more communities we are able to directly impact by funding new renewable energy projects."

Here's how it works: When homes or businesses sign up for Bullfrog Power's green electricity or green natural gas, Bullfrog Power will inject green energy onto the respective



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energy system to match the amount of conventional electricity or natural gas the customer purchases, displacing energy from polluting sources.

"I'm most proud of the real impacts that we have been able to foster: making connections between individuals and communities, and helping remote First Nations transition toward

clean, renewable sources of electricity," says Fredrich-Dunne.

Bullfrog's long list of customers includes plenty of environmental non-governmental organizations and non-profits, such as WWF-Canada, the David Suzuki Foundation and the Pembina Institute. These groups and more have "bullfrogpowered" their operations to help show their support for furthering renewable energy technologies.

The company also uses the support of its customers to help fund new, renewable-energy projects in Canada — they've supported more than 60 new green-energy projects across Canada.

"The Emerald Awards provide a forum for organizations advancing sustainability to highlight their achievements and innovations," says Fredrich-Dunne. "I believe that recognizing environmental leaders in our province can help to inspire more people to take action."

DO IT GREEN: ZERO-WASTE EVENTS

Do It Green (DIG) of Calgary, which helps create zero-waste events, is aiming to divert 100 tons of waste from the landfill by 2020. The start-up social enterprise and boutique environmental consultancy is also on a mission to reach 16-million people through its waste, water and energy awareness programs. The company is well on its way.

"I am most proud of DIG's results to date which have included public engagement with 3.4 million people and 35 tons of waste diverted from the landfill," says Leor Rotchild, DIG's President and Co-founder.

DIG's existing suite of services for events around Alberta include mobile water stations called H2O Buggies where people can fill up their water bottles they bring from home, thereby reducing dependency on disposable water bottles. DIG's Bicycle Valet service

checks bikes in an out of an event like a coat check and its award-winning waste management program diverts waste from the landfill.

"We are honoured to be recognized as a finalist for this prestigious award among so many people and organizations that we admire who are also making a positive difference in our community," says Rotchild. "The Small Business Category is very competitive, which is a testament to the important contribution that small businesses are making toward the protection of the environment."

DIG's latest contribution to protecting the environment is a stored powered solution called Portable Electric. This clean tech service will help eliminate the need for loud diesel generators to power events around the province.

"The Emerald Awards have been shining



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a spotlight on environmental innovators in Alberta for the past 25 years," says Rotchild. "That recognition supports and inspires further initiatives to innovate our way out of the current economic downturn and help Canada meet its COP21 commitments."



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Recycling, refurbishing unwanted technology

For more than a decade the Electronic Recycling Association (ERA) in Calgary has been recycling or refurbishing unwanted technology hardware like old computers and keyboards.

Not only does that divert a lot of e-waste from the landfill, it also helps not-for-profit groups, care facilities and educational institutions that receive the refurbished equipment.

Last year alone, ERA donated more than \$160,000 worth of refurbished equipment. "Year after year I strive to increase the donations we make to organizations and individuals in our communities," says Bojan Paduh, the founder of ERA. "When last year's number came in — nearly 1100 computers donated — I was extremely proud of my team and all of the hard work it took to get there."

The ERA has opened five depots so far, providing access to free, safe e-waste disposal options and technology donation programs.

ERA activities include awareness events, collection drives, fundraising, partnerships with law enforcement and

others groups.

"I think it's amazing to turn one person's perceived 'trash' into something that has the power to really open doors for their less fortunate neighbours while making sure we're taking care of our environment in a sustainable and responsible way," says Paduh. "Regardless of which end you're on — getting rid of unwanted technology or receiving a much-needed technology donation — you know you're doing the responsible thing from a social and environmental perspective."

ERA is a not for profit that operates entirely on equipment donations and the Emerald Award nomination is welcome exposure and recognition

"The Emerald Foundation is a highly regarded and respected organization with deep roots in Alberta, and I am extremely grateful the recognition," Paduh says.

"This nomination really helps us show the community the work that we do and how much of a difference their donations make to their neighbours. It's a true honor to be considered among such an admiral group of nominees."



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"The walls are down": Vancouver's Victor Montagliani, head of the Canadian Soccer Association, after being voted president of CONCACAF

Revamped Pens put to task against Bolts

NHL PLAYOFFS

Lightning swept 3-game season series

On the calendar, the gap between the last time the Pittsburgh Penguins and Tampa Bay Lightning met and Friday night's Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final is less than three months.

Within the lifespan of a season, it seems a lot longer.

When the Lightning blew past the Penguins 4-2 on Feb. 20 — a victory that earned Tampa Bay a sweep of its three-game season series with Pittsburgh — Steven Stamkos was still scoring goals, Matt Murray was still the Penguins' third option in net and the Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan's midseason overhaul remained very much a work in progress.

Not anymore. Stamkos remains out indefinitely while dealing with a blood clot, and Murray has become a revelation in near lockstep with the Penguins' evolution from enigmatic underachiever to Stanley Cup favourite. No wonder the Penguins couldn't help but laugh when asked if they could remember what happened on that sloppy Saturday in mid-winter when the Lightning built a quick three-goal lead and cruised.

"I couldn't even tell you," Pittsburgh forward Phil Kessel said. "I don't even remember when



The Lightning's Ondrej Palat scores past Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury on Feb. 5 in Tampa, Fla. MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

we played them last."

Probably best to just block it out and press forward anyway at a time of year where short-term memory loss is an asset.

The Penguins wrapped up a 12-day highwire act against rival Washington on Tuesday night when Nick Bonino fired home the winner in overtime of Game 6. The cathartic celebration sent Pittsburgh to the conference final for the fourth time since 2008. Less than 72 hours later, they face the only team that's been more dominant in the post-season.

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Tampa Bay has won each of its five one-goal contests in the playoffs.

The Lightning raced through the first two rounds of the playoffs, dropping one game each to Detroit and the New York Islanders. Remarkable, considering they've been without Stamkos and defenceman Anton Stral-

man, still recovering from a fractured left leg.

Stamkos is practising but the five-time all-star hasn't been cleared for contact. Stralman appears to be on the verge of returning, though coach Jon Cooper is in no hurry to announce his lineup, saying Thursday "it's just pointless to talk about whether they're going to play or not."

Shortly after fizzling against the Lightning in February, the Penguins put together a 14-2 surge to end the regular season.

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WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Hall scores twice in Canada's latest win

Taylor Hall scored twice as Canada survived a second-period scare and defeated Germany 5-2 Thursday at the world hockey championship.

The Germans scored twice in the second to tie the game 2-2, forcing Canada coach Bill Peters to juggle his lines.

Canada responded quickly as Hall scored his second of the game, and team-leading fifth of the tournament, at the 3:54 mark of the third period on a pass from Edmonton Oil-



Taylor Hall
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Preliminary round

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ers teammate Connor McDavid.

Corey Perry and Cody Ceci both scored on the power play for Canada, while Boone Jenner's first of the tournament came at even strength.

Patrick Reimer and Sinan Akdag replied for Germany.

Canada moved into a tie with Finland for first place in Group B. Both teams have 12 points from four regulation wins.

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IN BRIEF

French prosecutors probe \$2M tied to 2020 Olympics

French prosecutors said Thursday that \$2 million US tied to Tokyo's winning bid for the 2020 Olympics was apparently paid to an account linked to the son of the disgraced former IAAF president in the months immediately before and after the Japanese capital won the games.

The French financial prosecutor's office said it has been told of payments that were marked "Tokyo 2020 Olympic Game Bid," from a Japanese bank to the Black Tidings company in Singapore.

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Kenya not compliant with drug-testing: Officials

World Anti-Doping Agency officials declared Kenya's drug-fighting agency out of compliance Thursday, a move that places the track powerhouse's participation in this summer's Olympics in jeopardy.

The move comes less than a month after the country's president signed legislation that criminalizes doping.

Kenya's Olympic committee chairman Kip Keino was shocked. "We are working, everything is done, all that they have asked for."

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DeRozan delivers with strings attached

RAPTORS GAME 6 PREVIEW

Mystery thumb treatment helps guard turn game around

The red shoestring Raptors director of sports science Alex McKechnie spun around DeMar DeRozan's injured thumb in Game 5 was a popular topic of conversation around the team on Thursday.

"It was interesting. It was an excellent method, I guess, from Alex McKechnie," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said.

Whatever he did, it worked.

Despite re-aggravating the thumb injury in the fourth quarter, DeRozan came back with 4:17 left and made all eight of his free throws and a jumper to keep the Raptors in front. DeRozan finished the night with 34 points and went 11-for-11 at the line.

"I'd never seen it before. Whatever works, whatever means necessary," Casey said of the lace around the thumb. "Alex is one of the best. That's why he's one of the best in the business, with his methods. I had never seen that before."

As for the digit, Casey said there was no news on DeRozan's thumb as of Thursday afternoon.

"I don't know if it's better or worse. We didn't talk about it," Casey said when he was asked about DeRozan's status on Thurs-

day. "He doesn't talk about it. He's ready to go."

With DeRozan and Kyle Lowry struggling with shooting throughout the playoffs, Casey said having DeRozan see his shot drop — he was 11 of 22 in Game 5 — could make a difference going back to Miami.

"It helps tremendously," he said. "Even Kyle seeing the ball go through the hoop, it helps him tremendously."

Lowry was 9-for-25 and 4-for-9 from three-point range.

"We never lost faith in those guys," Casey continued. "It's almost like a baseball player seeing the ball hit the bat a couple of times. You're right back in the groove and that's the mentality they should have shooting the basketball." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Alex McKechnie works on DeMar DeRozan on Wednesday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GOLF

Day's 63 ties course record at Sawgrass

One birdie led to two more before Jason Day even hit his stride, and his round kept getting better until the world's No. 1 player was in the record book and in the lead Thursday at The Players Championship.

He putted for birdie on every hole. His longest putt for par was 30 inches.

Day was as flawless as the morning conditions — summer heat, surprising calm. When he blasted out of a tiny bunker within inches of the cup on his final hole, he had a 9-under 63, a two-shot lead and a fresh memory of the TPC Sawgrass.

His most recent round was an 81 last year to miss the cut. This one tied the course record.

"It just kept on building and building, this round, just one

after another," Day said. "It just got better and better."

His opening day improved even more after he finished. The Stadium Course was so vulnerable, mainly because of receptive greens and no wind, that 29 players from the morning group shot in the 60s. A strong breeze finally arrived after Day was done, making it difficult for anyone to catch him.

"I don't know what the guys were doing out there this morning, but I don't think we saw the same golf course this afternoon," Rory McIlroy said after a 72. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Jason Day
GETTY IMAGES

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Shane Lowry became the first player to shoot 29 on the back nine. He was in a group of five golfers at 65 rounded out by Justin Rose, Bill Haas, Cameron Tringale and Brendan Steele.

IN BRIEF

Price pounces on Astros

David Price struck out 12, Mookie Betts had a three-run homer and Xander Bogaerts had a two-run shot to help the Boston Red Sox beat the Houston Astros 11-1 on Thursday night for their season-high fifth straight win.

Jackie Bradley Jr. singled twice and extended his hitting streak to 18 games, tying the longest streak in the major leagues this season. Bogaerts had three RBIs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yankees pile on Royals

Chase Headley, Starlin Castro and Didi Gregorius hit early home runs and the New York Yankees beat Kansas City 7-3 Thursday night, sending the World Series champion Royals to their 12th loss in 16 games.

Kansas City dropped three of four at Yankee Stadium. Before the game, manager Ned Yost insisted he wasn't worried about his team, saying "it's a group that doesn't panic." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 4 or 5 filets of salmon with skin
- 2 cups of peeled, pitted and diced peaches (I used 3 peaches)
- 1 cup unpeeled, diced cucumber
- 3/4 cup diced red pepper
- 1/4 cup washed, finely chopped cilantro
- 4 Tbsp lime juice
- 1 tsp of chipotle chilies, minced

Directions

1. Mix all the ingredients for the salsa except the chilies. Separate

the amount that you think you'll give little kids or those with zero tolerance for heat. Then add your chilies to the remaining mixture and stir. Taste and check seasoning. Cover and place in the fridge while you fire up the grill.

2. Wash and pat dry the salmon. Season the fish with salt and pepper and a slick of olive oil on both sides. Place the fish on the grill, skin side down. Now, don't touch that fish. The heat from the grill will sear the fish and allow it to come away from the grill. Leave for 4 to 5 minutes, depending on the size of your filets.

3. Use a thin spatula to flip the fish. Allow to cook for another 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from grill and use a fork to break into the middle to see if fish is opaque. Serve with a heaping spoon of salsa.

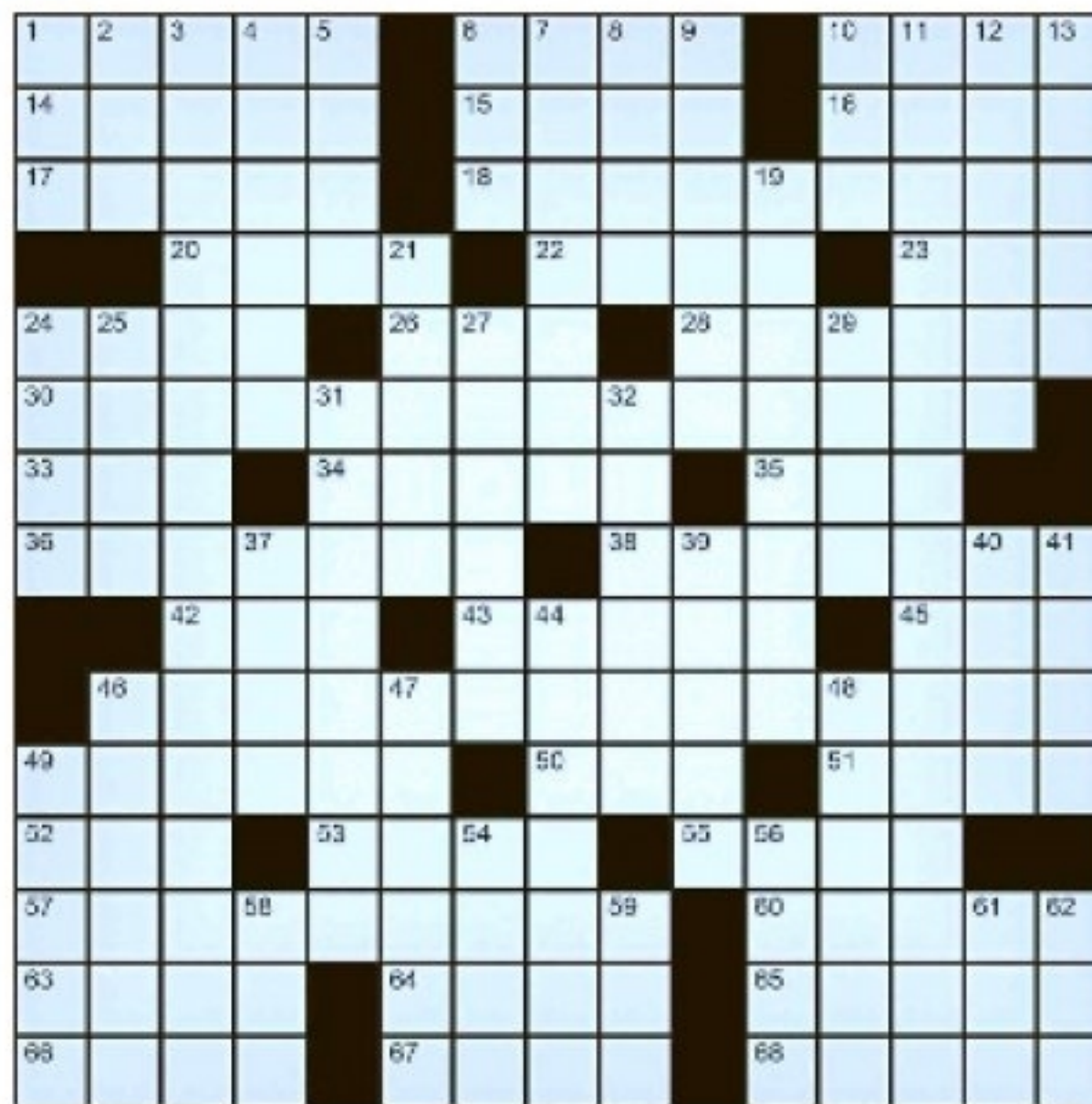
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1. Christian-ity symbol
6. Particle
10. Prefix to 'culture'
14. "Tiny Bubbles" singer: 2 wds.
15. Eagerly excited
16. Cupid's Greek counterpart
17. Halifax-based energy company
18. CH-149 __ (RCAF search & rescue helicopter); or, Large fish-loving seabird
20. Laughing sounds
22. Pantene __ (Shampoo)
23. NBC show since '75
24. "Right on!"
26. Comedian Mr. Phillips
28. Loch creature of Scotland, affectionately
30. What daredevil Nik Wallenda would successfully do over Niagara Falls in 2012: 3 wds.
33. Mr. Holbrook
34. Bear voiced by Bill Murray in "The Jungle Book" (2016)
35. Prefix to 'angle'
36. Like a voice that is full and rich
38. Actor, Taylor __
42. Triumphed
43. Cargo-placing worker
45. Ell's predecessor
46. 1992 hit for British band The Cure: 4 wds.
49. Comparatively



- tidy: 2 wds.
50. Band, with Speedwagon
51. Aren'ts antonyms
52. Embassy diplomat, briefly
53. Line above the equator, __
55. "Gomer Pyle, U.S.A."

57. Super small
60. Oohed and __
63. Desert weather
64. Ceremonial magnificence
65. Singer Mr. Lopez
66. Amphibious WWII vessels
67. Power [abbr.]
68. Canadian

singer Jann

DOWN

1. B-F inbetweeners
2. __-com (Movie genre)
3. OYR = __ __ __ (Calgary performance theatre company)
4. "Honey, I __ the

Kids" (1989)

5. Drench
6. Fella
7. Monster of BC's Lake Okanagan
8. Unit of pressure
9. Village on BC's Sunshine Coast
10. __ Lingus (Ireland's flyer)

11. Nova Scotia... Unique flower that grows in the bogs of the Cape Breton Highlands National Park: 3 wds.
12. '60s songstress Ms. Spector
13. Basket fibre
19. Capsize
21. __ __ extra plate (Accommodate the supper guest)
24. "Horton Hears __" (2008)
25. Volcanic crater
27. Gently
29. Type
31. Plentiful
32. Fleetwood Mac hit in 1982: 2 wds.
37. "Jump __" (Get going!)
39. Friends to 'and sometimes Y'
40. Icicle's locale
41. Seedy loaves
44. TV show's showing slot
46. Leg bones
47. Slanting
48. Hedy of Hollywood
49. __ spray (Decongestant)
54. Deity of ancient Thebes
56. __ few moments (Rested briefly)
58. Dates to follow BCs
59. Train co.
61. Compass point
62. Racket

*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a tricky day because you have great moneymaking ideas, but you should wait until tomorrow to act. Today's overconfidence might trip you up.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are persuasive today. Naturally, you can use this advantage to go after what you want. However, what you want might be different by tomorrow.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You want to seek out answers today. You also have patience and motivation to find what you're looking for. In fact, you feel like a sleuth.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Discussions with artistic, creative people will please you today. You might admire what they can do. (Don't spend money on anything other than food or gas today.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a tricky day. The Moon is in your sign, but it's a bit wobbly. This means that what you initiate might not fulfill your objective. Easy does it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a loosey-goosey day. Nevertheless, you will love to kick around ideas about travel to distant lands or doing something "different." Just dream; do not act today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Resist the urge to make important decisions about inheritances and shared property today, because this is a poor day to do so. Ironically, people are in agreement. Go figure.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a lovely day to hang out with partners and close friends, and just schmooze. Take a long lunch. Enjoy the company of others.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Although it's easy to get along with co-workers today, your efficiency might suffer because you don't feel like working. Warning: Don't initiate anything new.

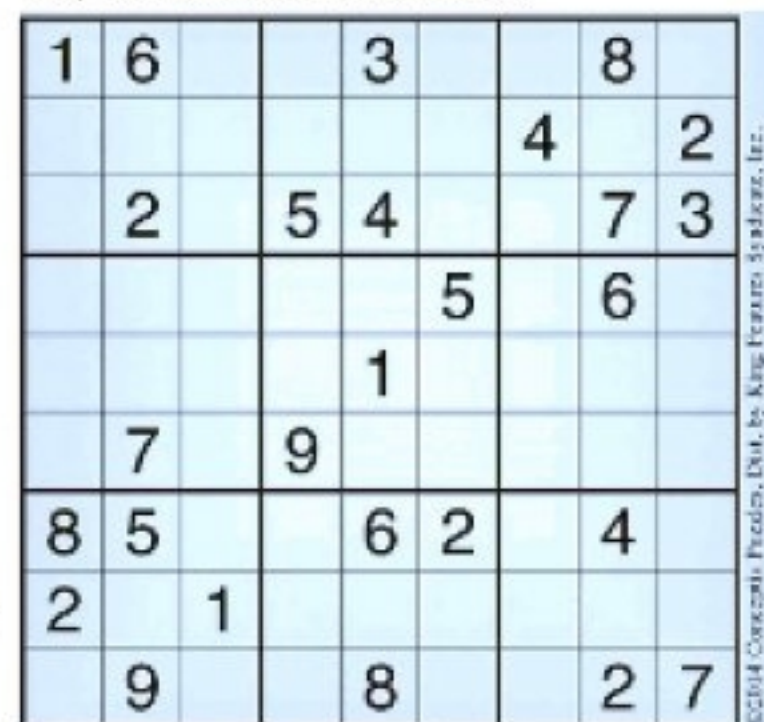
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a wonderful, creative day! People who work in the arts, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry will be full of clever, original ideas.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others, because the Moon is opposite your sign. Nevertheless, don't agree to anything important. Just coast.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Resist the urge to initiate or suggest new ideas at work today, because it's a poor day to do this. However, you can research and get further information about what you hope to do.

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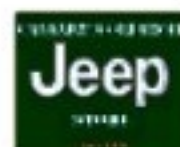
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